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Editor's Message

Here we go into our Fall season, with chess and tournament activity at an all-time high in Northern California. The latest membership numbers for our state show that we now have over 4000 USCF members for the first time ever (*Chess Life*, 11/93). A quick scan of the tournament calendar shows that we have never had as many big-money, big-attendance, and well-run tournaments here.

The LERA tournaments are a kind of control group, because they are the longest-running and most popular. The August event drew 25% more than the May event. In addition, we had two weekenders, Bill Goichberg's Continental Open in July and the San Francisco Championship in October, that drew more than 300 entrants, unprecedented for a two-day weekend tournament since the legendary days of Paul Masson! The Kolty Show on October 3 drew over 700 spectators! Al Lawrence told me that it was the second-largest chess audience he had ever seen, second only to the Kasparov reception at the World

Championships at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York in 1990. Our Labor Day State Championship, for the second year in a row, was the nation's leading state championship tournament on the traditional Labor Day weekend, outdrawing New York, Southern California, Illinois, and all the other big states.

And arguably the quality of our play has benefitted from all of this activity. Whereas our 1990 list of masters showed 98 in our state, the latest list shows 122. Juniors are climbing on the bandwagon by leaps and bounds, building up to the 1994 National Elementary Championships in San Jose in May. And there is now a rated scholastic tournament in every Bay Area County on a monthly or bimonthly basis to continue to build on this growth.

Maybe we can credit the enthusiasm from the "Searching For Bobby Fischer" movie, maybe we can credit the two World Championship matches currently in progress, putting chess in the papers daily, maybe chess is just an idea whose time has come. Whatever it is, it is a good time to be a fan of the Royal Game, because this growth phase has enhanced the quality of the chess experience for all of us.

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Jordy Mont-Reynaud Wins Silver Medal in Boys-Under-10 World Championship

by Randy Mont-Reynaud

Summertime, and this Chess Mom's days seem to be like Karpov's games - "the accrual of small advantages" - FAXes of Jordy's games go out, annotations of Jordy's games get underway, potential sponsors for Jordy are badgered, travel arrangements for Jordy are confirmed, a load of laundry emerges from the dryer...

If more women had more kids who played chess, this is what they'd get for family vacations: Karpovian days...

We are recovering from the World Championships (12 nerve-wracking days of tension and boiled potatoes)...What right have I got to be tired? - It was only a *silver* medal, after all!

Here's what we did on our summer vacation: We spent

TWELVE DAYS IN BRATISLAVA

by
Jordy Mont-Reynaud
and
Randy Mont-Reynaud

[Mom's note: Our title doesn't pack any punch as a hit song, but, 12 days in Bratislava totally outclassed "One Night in Bangkok". The Slovakian capitol lacks pizzazz and massage parlors, but Bratislava was an ideal site for the World Youth Chess Championships - there was little else to do! As far as tourist attractions, chess was literally the only game in town...]

♣ I won my first two games easily - especially round 2 against Claviere from Brazil. It was over in 20 moves. Plenty of time to find something for dinner and prepare for Round 3.

[Mom's note: Jordy wouldn't eat anything in the dining hall - I had to forage for food while he and Pal Benko went at it each morning. What I found was: a four-star hotel that served pasta and took credit cards! Whew!]

♣ I found out I would face Etienne Bacrot of France. He had taken a bronze medal last year and I knew I would probably play him.

[Mom's note: Scarcely three years removed from Communism and only some months as the capital of a separate nation, Bratislava, this "uncertain metropolis of a peasant region" now hosted more than 600 youths, and parents and coaches from approximately 100 different nations and warring states.]

♣ The pairings are done alphabetically, no ratings are used. For weeks Mom's been saying that, all other things in the alphabet being equal,

I'd probably play Etienne in Round 3. She was right.

[Mom's note: As usual!]

J: The night before the round, I went to Pal Benko's room to prepare for the Dutch.

[Mom's note: What I did not tell Jordy was that Etienne had a recently published ELO of 2230; in June, he had won the Championship of Europe, Under 10.)

J: A lot of Etienne's games had been published in Europe Echecs, which we subscribe to - and they even had a discussion of Etienne's opening repertoire! Good thing I read French! So, we knew he favored this against 1. d4.

[Mom's note: We also knew he had been studying other systems as well. After Jordy and Pal had worked for several hours on the Dutch, the thought occurred to me that Etienne might choose something else. But what? Before going on this vacation, I statistically sampled the previous three years' of Boys' Under 10 games, and I tabulated the most common opening lines and their frequencies. Based on this data, I surmised that Etienne would likely go into a Queen's gambit. So, by way of some last-minute coaching as we walked down to the playing hall, I warned Jordy that he should expect the unexpected "So, what else might he play against your d4? Probably d5, right? And you are okay with that, aren't you?"]

♣ Well, yes, I was okay with it. As it turned out, I was very okay!

White: Etienne Bacrot
Black: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Queen Pawn Opening [D31]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c6

4. Nf3 is complicated, and 4. e3 is probably better.

4. Nf3 dc4 5. a4 Bb4 6. e4 b5

Black has to defend the c-pawn or his game will fall apart because of my center and superior development.

7. Bg5

This is an unclear move, because it could lead to the Panov-Botvinnik attack, but he played Qb6, so...

7... Qb6 8. Be2 Bb7 9. 0-0 a6

Black is probably going to have to do this move sooner or later.

10. Qc2 Nd7 11. Rfd1

Now that I'm fully developed, I have compensation for the pawn.

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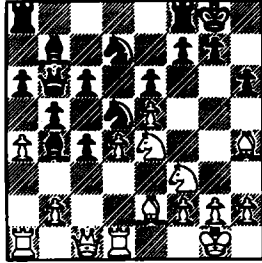
11...Ngf6 12. e5 Nd5 13. Ne4

13. Nxd5 would be a blunder because he undoubles his pawns and gets more space.

13...h6 ?

This is a mistake because it creates a weakness on the kingside. I don't see a reason for this move. 13... c5 is infinitely better.

14.Bh4 0-0 15. Qc1



Now I have the threat of 15. Nf6! If 15...Kh7 16.b3! cb 17. Bd3 g6 18. Bf6! Nf6 19. Nf6 Nf6 20. ef6 c5 21. Ng5 hg 22. Qg5 Rh8 23. Bg1! fg6 24. Rd3! Be4 25 Rh3 and White wins.

Instead of paying attention to my threat, Black played 15...

15...c5? 16. Nf6! N5f6?

He should have taken with N7f6

17. ef6 cd4 18. fg7 Kg7 19. Nd4 Ne5?? 20.Qf4 Ng6 21. Qf6 Kh7 22. Nf5! fg 23. Qb6 1-0

The losing move. I won Black's Queen after this move and I was relieved but even more, I was worried that I would hang back my own Queen!

After the victory, Pal said he thought all our preparation had been a waste of time. But, as I told my Mom at the time, it wasn't a waste of time for me—working with Pal on the Dutch Defense is going to be something I'll remember for the rest of my life!

[Mom's note: This is pretty common in kids' games—does it happen a lot in adult competition?]

♣ In fact, later on I did give up a piece...well, I got two pawns for it but that was sort of after the fact...

[Mom's note: After move 23, everybody, even the French contingent, was saying Jordy had won the game. But Mom knows best - I was just waiting for him to hang something, and sure enough, there went a bishop, before my very eyes!]

♣ Just as Etienne was getting long in the face, a reporter came along with a video camera. He stuck his camera right over my shoulder—right up to Etienne's face.

[Mom's note: I objected to the presence of this reporter with his camera. One of the French coaches said, "But it's in your son's favor, Etienne is distracted." I replied, "So, who needs this? Jordy can win it fair and square."]

J: Finally, Etienne stopped the clock and held out his hand. I wanted to shout but that wouldn't have been appropriate. I left the hall walking on air, with Mom thrilled and shaky. After all, I studied all year for this game!

[Mom's note: World politics made a few statements at the tournament—Bosnia and Croatia, for example, had their own representatives and eleven Arab nations unanimously refused to be paired with Israeli players. At the awards ceremony, the Slovaks not only gave medals for chess achievement, they also awarded prizes to the "Most beautiful" female participant. Oddly, no males protested that the girls had an additional category in which to compete...]

J: That night, at the awards ceremony, I met Karpov and had my picture taken with him.

[Mom's note: And, as an additional treat, a Slavic chorus sang a Gershwin medley from "Porgy and Bess". It was a bit like Al Jolson crooning a Gregorian chant...]

J: I stood up on the podium to receive my medal and I had to kiss this fat lady twice as she presented it! I was about to reconsider whether to accept the prize! What I really liked about winning was they gave us a neat set of LEGO.

White: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Black: José Andrade (Mexico)
Ruy Lopez [C69]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bc6 dc6 5.0-0 Bd6 6.d4 Bg4 7.de5 Bf3 8.Qf3 Be5 9.Nd2 Ne7 10.Nc4 Bd6 11.Rd1 b5 12.Na5 Qc8 13.Qc3 0-0 14.Nc6 Nc6 15.Qc6 Qe6 16.Qd5 Rad8 17.Qe6 fe6 18.Bg5 Rde8 19.Rd3 Be5 20.c3 c5 21.Rad1 h6 22.Be3 c4 23.Rd7 Kh7 24.Ra7 Ra8 25.Rdd7 Rg8 26.f4 Bf6 27.e5 Bh4 28.g3 Ra7 29.Ra7 Bd8 30.Ra6 Re8 31.a4 ba4 32.Ra4 g5 33.Rc4 gf4 34.Bf4 Kg6 35.b4 h5 36.Kf2 Kf7 37.Ke3 Bb6 38.Ke4 Ke7 39.Rc6 Bg1 40.Rc7 Kd8 41.Rb7 Bh2 42.Rb8 Kd7 43.Re8 Ke8 44.g4 Bf4 45.Kf4 hg4 46.Kg4 1-0

White: Raul Claviere (Argentina)
Black: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Sicilian Defense [B30]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.d3 e6 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.0-0 d5 8.ed5 ed5 9.Bf4 0-0 10.Qd2 Nf5 11.Rfe1 Be6 12.Ng5 Qd7 13.Ne6 fe6 14.Bh3 Ncd4 15.Kg2 Rae8 16.Be5 Nf3 17.Kf3 Nh4 18.Kg4 Nf3 19.Qd1 Nh2 0-1

White: Sekhar Ganguly (India)
Black: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Irregular Opening [A04]

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.Nc6 bc6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.e4 0-0 9.Nc3 Rb8 10.Re1 Qc7 11.Rb1 d6 12.h3 Rd8 13.f4 Be6

14.Qf3 d5 15.e5 Ne8 16.b3 d4 17.Ne4 Qa5
18.Bd2 Qa2 19.Qd3 c5 20.Nc5 Qa3 21.Ne6
fe6 22.Qc4 Rdc8 23.Qe6 Kh8 24.Ra1 Qc5
25.Ra5 Qb6 26.Qb6 ab6 27.Rd5 Rc2 28.Rd4
Nd6 29.Rd3 Nf5 30.Rc1 Rb2 31.g4 Nh4
32.Be4 Bh6 33.g5 Bf8 34.e6 Bg7 35.Bc3 Bc3
36.Rdc3 Re2 37.Bh1 Re6 38.Rc8 Rc8 39.Rc8
Kg7 40.Bd5 Nf3 41.Bf3 Rd6 42.Kf2 Rd3
43.Rb8 Rb3 44.Rg8 Kg8 45.Bd5 Kg7 46.Bb3
Kf8 47.Ke3 Ke8 48.Be6 Kf8 49.Kd4 Ke8
50.Kc4 Kf8 51.Kb5 Kg7 52.Kb6 h6 53.h4 hg5
54.hg5 1-0

White: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Black: Pavel Federic (Slovakia)
Ruy Lopez [C69]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bc6 dc6 5.0-0
Bd6 6.d4 ed4 7.Qd4 f6 8.h3 Be6 9.Re1 Ne7
10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Qc3 Ng6 12.Nc4 Kh8 13.Nd4
Bf7 14.b3 Ne5 15.Ne3 Ng6 16.Qd2 c5
17.Ndf5 Be5 18.Rb1 Re8 19.Ng4 b6 20.Ne5
Ne5 21.Qe2 Be6 22.Ne3 Qe7 23.Bb2 Nc6
24.Rbd1 Rad8 25.c4 Nb4 26.a3 Nc6 27.Nd5
Bd5 28.cd5 Nb8 29.f4 Qf7 30.Qf3 Rd7 31.e5
fe5 32.fe5 Qf3 33.gf3 Kg8 34.e6 Rdd8 35.Be5
Rc8 36.Bc7 Rc7 37.d6 Ra7 38.Kf2 Kf8 39.d7
Nd7 40.ed7 Rd8 41.Re6 b5 42.Ke3 Kf7 43.Rc6
Rdd7 44.Rd7 Rd7 45.Rc5 Ke6 46.Rc6 Rd6
47.Rd6 Kd6 48.Kd4 a5 49.h4 g6 50.f4 h6
51.Ke4 Ke6 52.b4 a4 53.Kd4 Kd6 54.Ke3 Kd5
55.Kf3 Kd4 56.Kg3 Kd5 57.Kf3 Kd6 1/2-1/2

White: Marcin Szymanski (Poland)
Black: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Irregular Opening [A00]

1.b4 d5 2.Bb2 Bg4 3.h3 Bh5 4.Nf3 Bf3 5.ef3
Nd7 6.d3 Ngf6 7.c4 e6 8.b5 c6 9.a4 Bb4
10.Nd2 0-0 11.Be2 Re8 12.0-0 Nc5 13.Nb3
Nb3 14.Qb3 Bd6 15.Rad1 Nh5 16.Bc1 d4
17.g3 e5 18.f4 Nf4 19.gf4 ef4 20.Bf3 Re6
21.Bg4 Rg6 22.f3 f5 23.c5 Kh8 24.cd6 Qd6
25.Rd2 fg4 26.hg4 Rh6 27.Qc2 cb5 28.ab5
Qd7 29.Rh2 Rf6 30.Qb3 Re8 31.Bd2 Re5
32.Rc1 Rf8 33.Qb4 Rfe8 34.Bf4 Rb5 35.Qd2
Rb6 36.Qf2 Rf8 37.Qh4 g5 38.Be5 Kg8 39.Qg5
Rg6 40.Qd2 Rf3 41.Qa2 Rf7 42.Rg2 Re6
43.Rc7 Qe8 44.Rgc2 Rc7 45.Rc7 b5 46.Rg7
Kh8 47.Re7 Re5 48.Re8 Re8 49.Qa7 Rd8
50.Qb6 Rd7 51.Qb5 Rg7 52.Qe8 Rg8 53.Qe5
Rg7 54.Qd4 Kg8 55.Kf2 Rf7 56.Kg3 Rg7
57.Qd8 Kf7 58.d4 h5 59.Qd5 1-0

White: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Black: Mark Paragua (Philippines)
Irregular Opening [A45]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 a6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bg5 d5 5.e3 Be7
6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Rc1 b6 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.cd5 Nd5
10.Nd5 ed5 11.Be7 Ke7 12.0-0 Nf6 13.Ne5
Re8 14.Qc2 Rc8 15.Ba6 Ba6 16.Nc6 Kf8
17.Nd8 Bf1 18.Nc6 Ba6 19.Qa4 Ra8 20.Qb4
Kg8 21.Ne7 Kh8 22.Rc7 Bc4 23.a3 b5 24.h3
Ra4 25.Qc5 h6 26.Nf5 Ne4 27.Qc6 Rf8
28.Rc8 Rc8 29.Qc8 Kh7 30.Qf8 Kg6 31.g4 Kf6

32.Qg7 Ke6 33.Qe5 Kd7 34.Qe7 Kc6 35.Qf7
b4 36.Qe8 1-0

White: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Black: Nicolas Templier (France)
Sicilian Defense [B81]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6
6.g4 h6 7.g5 hg5 8.Bg5 Nc6 9.Be2 Qb6
10.Nb3 a6 11.Qd2 Bd7 12.f4 0-0-0 13.0-0-0
Qc7 14.Bf3 Be7 15.Qe3 Kb8 16.e5 de5 17.fe5
Ng8 18.Bc6 Bc6 19.Rd8 Bd8 20.Bd8 Qd8
21.Rd1 Qe7 22.Qb6 Nh6 23.Nc5 Kc8 24.Qa7
Rd8 25.Rg1 Nf5 26.Rg4 Qc7 27.Nd3 Bd5
28.Rb4 Bf3 29.Kb1 Ne7 30.Qf2 Bh5 31.Qh4
Bg6 32.Rc4 Nc6 33.Nb4 Kb8 34.Rc6 1-0

White: Alexandr Kovchan (Ukraine)
Black: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Sicilian Defense [B36]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 g6 5.c4 Nf6
6.Nc3 d6 7.Be2 Nd4 8.Qd4 Bg7 9.Be3 0-0
10.Qd2 Be6 11.0-0 Qa5 12.f3 Rfc8 13.b3 a6
14.Rac1 b5 15.Nd5 Qd2 16.Bd2 Bd5 17.ed5
bc4 18.bc4 Nd7 19.f4 Bd4 20.Kh1 Nc5 21.Bg4
f5 22.Be2 Ne4 23.Be1 Rab8 24.Bf3 Rb2
25.Be4 fe4 26.a3 Ra2 27.Bb4 a5 28.Bc3 Rc4
29.Ba5 Rc1 30.Rc1 Ra3 31.Bd2 Rd3 32.Ba5
Be3 33.Re1 Bf4 34.Re4 Rd5 35.g3 Ra5 36.Rf4
Rf5 37.Re4 Kf7 38.Kg2 e5 39.Ra4 Ke6 40.Ra7
Rf7 41.Ra4 d5 42.Ra6 Kf5 43.Kf3 e4 44.Ke3
Ke5 45.Ra8 Rf3 46.Ke2 Rb3 47.Ra2 e3 48.h3
Ke4 49.g4 d4 50.Ra4 Rb2 51.Ke1 Kf3 52.Ra1
Rh2 0-1

Sergey Grigorjanc (Uzbekistan)
Black: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Sicilian Defense [B23]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bc4 e6
6.0-0 Nge7 7.d3 d5 8.Bb3 0-0 9.Qe1 a6 10.a4
b6 11.Qh4 Bb7 12.Ng5 h6 13.Nh3 f5 14.e5
Nd4 15.Ra3 Qc7 16.Qf2 b5 17.Ne2 Nec6
18.Be3 Nb3 19.Rb3 d4 20.Bd2 b4 21.Qe1
Rfd8 22.Rf2 Rd7 23.Kf1 Na5 24.Nhg1 Nb3
25.cb3 g5 26.Nc1 Rf8 27.Nf3 Bf3 28.Rf3 g4
29.Rf2 Qd8 30.g3 Bh8 31.Rg2 Rh7 32.Ne2
Qd5 33.Nc1 h5 34.Qe2 Rff7 35.Qf2 Rh6 36.h3
gh3 37.Rh2 Rg7 38.Rh3 h4 39.gh4 Rhg6
40.Rh2 Rg3 0-1

White: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Black: Sarkhan Kuliev (Azerbaijan)
Queen Pawn Opening [A51]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.de5 Ne4 4.Nd2 Bb4 5.Ngf3
Nc6 6.a3 Bd2 7.Bd2 Qe7 8.Bf4 0-0 9.e3 h6
10.Bd3 Nc5 11.Bc2 a5 12.0-0 b6 13.Bb1 Ne6
14.Qc2 f5 15.ef6 Qf6 16.Bg3 Ba6 17.Qh7 Kf7
18.Bh4 Ng5 19.Ng5 hg5 20.Qh5 g6 21.Qh7
Ke6 22.Ba2 gh4 23.c5 Kf5 24.Rfe1 Ne5 25.f4
Nc4 26.Qd7 Qe6 27.e4 Kf6 28.e5 Kf5 29.Bb1
1-0

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18.Bh4 Ng5 19.Ng5 hg5 20.Qh5 g6 21.Qh7
Ke6 22.Ba2 gh4 23.c5 Kf5 24.Rfe1 Ne5 25.f4
Nc4 26.Qd7 Qe6 27.e4 Kf6 28.e5 Kf5 29.Bb1
1-0

Medal Winners Boys 10 and under:

1. Etienne Bacrot, France 10/11
2. Jordy Mont-Reynaud, USA 8.5/11
3. Sekhar Ganguly, India 7.5/11

**TOOTH FAIRY BREAKS WORLD RECORDS -
LEAVES BOY A SILVER
MEDAL!**

This has got to be some kind of record. I mean, when was the last time, in a decisive last round of a world championship game, that one of the players lost a tooth?

Somebody please get this to the Editor of the Guinness volume, for it's strange but true.

On July 30, during round eleven of the world Junior Chess Championships in Bratislava, Slovakia, American representative Jordy Mont-Reynaud lost a molar but won the game against Sarkhan Kuliev of Azerbaijan. Each player had 6.5 points going into the round, but Kuliev's tie-break points were better; a draw would mean at

best a bronze for Jordy, or perhaps only fourth place and no cigar. Jordy had unwisely (according to consensus) sacrificed a bishop—but did he still have a winning position? Was it a draw at best? Caught in the debate were Grandmaster Pal Benko and top trainers from Minsk and Vilnius.

They had not concluded their analyses when, suddenly, "Ptui! Tooth to b1." A few moves later, Jordy was winning a queen and the game and second place in the Boys Under 10 division.

In all the commotion, the tooth vanished, swept away in the flurry of handshakes, verifying and signing scoresheets, and celebratory ice cream cones.

But Jordy went to sleep that night clutching a silver medal!

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First Place ----- \$150
Second Place ----- \$100
Third Place ----- \$50

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Davis September Open

by NM Tom Dorsch

The Davis September Open marked the return of weekend chess to Davis for the first time in nearly twenty years. Home of one of Northern California's oldest and most active chess communities, thanks to the many years of dedication by retired Davis Chess Club President **Sergius von Oettingen**, the Davis Chess Club has hosted simuls by such chess luminaries as Fischer, Gligoric, and Smyslov over the years. Recently, **Dave Rosenberg**, Davis Mayor and Treasurer of the California Democratic Party, has taken over and revived the Davis Club, which now has more than sixty active members and regular Thursday meetings that feature rated games and monthly action tournaments. To complete the picture, **Gerald Lim** has now begun to organize weekend tournaments. The turnout of over forty players was successful, and Davis plans another weekend Swiss in April 1994.

The winner of the Open Section was NM **Tom Dorsch**, 3.5/4, followed by NM **David Blohm** (3), and **David Oppedal** (2.5). Top Expert was split between **Steve Sosnick**, **Marc Braverman**, and **Keith McDaniel**, all with 2.

The Reserve Section was won by top Sacramento Junior **Winston Tsang** with the tournament's only perfect score, 4-0. **Mark Havrilla** got second with 2.5 points, and third was **Michael Fitzgerald**. **Scott Smyth** won the "B" section prize.

In the six-round Booster Section, top honors went to **Dean Domach**, 5-1, chased by **P. Alex Cooke** and **William Patrick Yardley** with 4.5. "D" winners were Davis Chess Club TD **Dave Johnson**, **Shay Chinn**, and **Marilynn Etzler**, all with 3.

The tournament was organized and directed by **Gerald Lim**.

White: NM Tom Dorsch (2208)
Black: NM Jim MacFarland(2200)

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 b6 3. Bg2 Bb7 4. 0-0 c5 5. c4 e6 6. Nc3 Be7 7. d3 0-0 8. e4 d6 9. Ne1 Nc6 10. f4 Nd7 11. Nc2 a6 12. Bd2? Bf6 13. f5 Nde5 14. Be3 Nb4 15. Ne1 ef5 16. Rf5 Bc8 17. a3 Bf5 18. ef5 Nbc6 19. Qa4 b5?! 20. cb5 ab5 21. Qe4 Rb8 22. Nc2 Re8 23. Bf4 Nd4 24. Nd4 cd4 25. Nd5 Ng4 26. Nf6 Qf6 27. Qd5 Nc3 28. Qd6 Rb6 29. Qf6 Rf6 30. Be4 h6 31. Rc1 Nf5 32. Rc5 Ne3 33. h4 Rb6 34. Be5 f5 35. Bf3 Ng4 36. Bd4 Re1 37. Kg2 Rbe6 38. Bd5 Ne3 39. Be3 R1e3 40. Rb5 Kf8 0-1 (time)

White: NM Zoran Lazetich
Black: NM David Blohm

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. 0-0 d6 5. c4 0-0 6. Nc3 e5 7. d3 a5 8. Rb1 Na6 9. a3 Nh5 10. b4 ab4 11. ab4 f5 12. Qc2 f4 13. Nd2 fg3

14. hg3 Bh6 15. Nf3 Bc1 16. Qc1 c5 17. bc5 Nc5 18. d4 ed4 19. Nd4 Nf6 20. Nd5 Nd5 21. Bd5 Kg7 22. Qb2 Qf6 23. Nb5 Bf5 24. Qf6 Kf6 25. Rb2 Ke7 26. Rd1 Bd7 27. Bf3 Bb5 28. Rb5 Ra4 29. Rd4 Ra7 30. Rb6 Rd8 31. Bd5 Ra6 32. Rb2 Ra7 33. Kg2 h5 34. g4 Rda8 35. gh5 gh5 36. Rh4 Ra2 37. Ra2 Ra2 38. Bf3 Ra4 39. Kg3 Rb4 40. Bd5 b5 41. cb5 Rb5 42. Bf3 Nd7 43. Rh5 Rh5 44. Bh5 Nf6 45. Bg4 Nd5 46. Bf3 Nf6 47. Kf4 Nd7 48. Ke4 Nf6 49. Kf5 Nd7 50. Bd5 Nf6 51. Bc6 Ng8 52. e4 Nf6 53. f4 Nh5 54. Kg4 Nf6 55. Kg5 Nh7 56. Kg6 Nf6 57. Bd5 Nd7 58. Kg7 Nf6 59. Bc6 Nh5 60. Kg6 Nf4 61. Kf5 Nd3 62. Bd5 Ne5 63. Ba2 Nc6 64. Bd5 Nd4 65. Kg6 Nf3 66. Ba8 Ke6 67. Bd5 Ke5 68. Kf7 Ng5 69. Ke7 Nh7 70. Kd7 Nf6 71. Kc6 Nh5 72. Kd7 Nf4 73. Ba8 Nd3 74. Bc6 Nc5 75. Kc7 Ne6 76. Kd7 Ng5 77. Kc7 1/2-1/2

White: Von Motschenbacher
Black: Winston Tsang

1. c4 d6 2. Nc3 g6 3. Nf3 Bg7 4. d4 Nf6 5. e4 0-0 6. Be2 e5 7. d5 a5 8. 0-0 Na6 9. Bg5 h6 10. Bf6 Qf6 11. Qd2 Qe7 12. h3 f5 13. Nh2 f4 14. Bg4 h5 15. Bc8 Rac8 16. f3 Bf6 17. a3 Bh4 18. b4 Kh8 19. Rfb1 Rg8 20. ba5 Nc5 21. Rb4 Bg3 22. Nf1 g5 23. Ng3 fg3 24. Rab1 Rg6 25. Rb7 Nb7 26. Rb7 g4 27. a6 gh3 28. a7 Qf8 29. Ne2 hg2 30. Kg2 Qd8 31. Ng1 Kh7 32. a4 Rg7 33. Nh3 Ra8 34. a5 Qh4 35. a6 Qf6 36. Qa5 Qh6 37. Rc7 Ra7 38. Rg7 Rg7 39. a7 Qe3 40. Qa2 Ra7 41. Qb2 h4 42. Ng1 Kg6 0-1

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Continental Open

by NM Peter Yu

With the U.S. Open coming in 1995, Concord has become the newest member of Bay Area cities hosting regular tournaments. Thanks to the efforts of *CalChess* and national organizer extraordinaire **Bill Goichberg**, the Hilton Concord will be the venue of major Northern California tournaments for years to come. This is great news for players all across the state, since where else can one stay at an AAA-rated 4-diamond hotel for under \$50 per room and play in a quality tournament? Hoping to attract even more players than his 1993 Western Class Championships this past April, Goichberg upped the prize fund to the largest ever in Northern California for a traditional Swiss. His investment paid off, as 332 eager players showed up to compete for \$20,000 in guaranteed money this past July 30th through August 1st at the 1993 Continental Open.

The story of the weekend had to be **NM Jesse Sales'** (2280) tremendous 5-0 performance, topping a field which included **GMs Alex Yermolinsky** (2689) and **Walter Browne** (2616), **IMs David Strauss** (2566), **Marc Leski** (2539), **Anthony Saidu** (2485), and **John Watson** (2453). Sales' rise included final round victories over IMs Saidu and Strauss (games following this article), as well as early round knock-outs of **Edwin Straver** (2074), **Solomon Fagan** (Unrated), and **FM Rich Kelson** (2348) in the Championship (2000+) Section. Trailing first by half a point were the two GMs of the event, who prematurely agreed to a draw only to see Sales pass them at the straightaway. Joining the GMs in a tie for second was **NM Isaak Margulis** (2347), whose crucial round five win over **NM Precioso V. Saguisag** (2291) earned the San Franciscan 4.5 points and the top Under 2400 prize. The remaining masters who split the 4th, 5th and 2nd Under 2400 prize monies were IM Leski, **NMs Emmanuel Perez** (2387), **Peter Yu** (2349), **Renard Anderson** (2342), **Rodrigo Atotubo** (2327), and **Robert Sasata** (2308), each finishing with 4 out of 5.

Four Experts were able to score 4-1 to divide the top-Expert prizes. In keeping with the extremely competitive nature of big money tournaments, Goichberg paired those Experts in contention against each other instead of the higher-rated Masters. Southern California's **Juan Fong** (2194), who was able to request his June Supplement rating be used in lieu of his August Master rating, managed to win all his games against non-masters while drawing NM Yu and **SM Mikulas Manik** (2448) in the second and third rounds. Also with four points was U.C. Berkeley Alumni **Seggev Weiss** (2145), not to be confused with the "Naked Guy" (just kidding Seggev, I couldn't resist). Weiss' victorious warpath included a draw with Japanese **NM Hirosho Takemoto** (2290) and a win over FM Kelson. Joining Fong and Weiss was Tandem top board **Kevin Ziegler** (2141), who is fast

becoming a regular name among Expert winners lists. After dropping a game to **NM Henry Robles** (2330), Ziegler rebounded with wins over **NM Matthew Morris** (2343) and fellow Expert **Raymond Rotor** (2112) in the final two rounds. Finally, **David Klinetobe** (2132) demonstrated the ultimate swiss gambit by losing to unrated Master **Tigran Ishkhanov** in round one, then winning his next four games including one over NM Robles.

In the Under 2000 Category, section leaders **Dennis Myers** (1990) and **Dale M. Hammer** (1941) agreed to a draw in their last round confrontation. This allowed the Russian émigré **Steven Lender** (1949) to catch them with a clutch win over fellow A-player **Vergel Dalusung** (1947), resulting in a three-way tie for first with 4.5 points. The remaining Under 2000 prize winners were **Ruben Catig** (1960), **Todd Rumph** (1909), **Richard Yang** (1865), **Payam Afkham-Ebrahimi** (1851), **Winston Tsang** (1832), and **Carlos D'Avila** (1800), all with 4-1.

The Under 1800 Section provided a perfect argument for, or against, re-entry options. Depending on your own opinion, **Michael Mills'** (1772) perfect 5-0 triumph demonstrates either an aberration of fair competition or just smart tournament savvy. Regardless, Mills' fighting spirit carried him through five successful bouts when he re-entered into the two-day schedule after losing the first round of the slower, three-day option. Just behind Mills were **Suryadi Gunawan** (1680) and **Harold Fong** (1644), both sharing 2nd place with 4.5 points apiece. Meanwhile, **David Trestor** (1791), **Steve Little** (1764), Lowell student **Dmitry Karshedt** (1762), **Rolando Macabeo** (1715), **V o n Motschenbacher** (1678), **Ranaan Ben-Zur** (1670), and **Rodrigo Dioso Jr.** (1622) each finished 4-1 to tie for fourth and fifth place prizes in the Under 1800 Section.

"C" players **Mark Havrilla** (1547) and **Virak Lun** (1546) shared top honors in the Under-1600 Section, each with 4.5 points. Havrilla got a break in round 4, when his 3-0 opponent forfeited. Chasing the co-winners were **Wang Poon** (1588), **Arcadio Rubi Jr.** (1577), **John Boutin** (1571), and **Mike Banulescu** (1505), each of them scoring 4 points out of 5. Oddly enough, Poon also received a free point in round four when his 2-1 opponent decided not to show.

Finally, the Under 1400 Section was won by **Flavio Srivastava** (1334) with a convincing 5-0 romp. In sole possession of 2nd place with 4.5 points was **David Morgan** (1292), who also re-entered after losing round one to top seed **Mark Wiley** (1396) in the three-day schedule. Ironically, Wiley finished behind Morgan in a tie for third place with **Randall Bull** (1357), **Christopher Baumgartner** (1308), and **Roberto Srivastava** (1280) each scoring 4 points.

As with all good tournaments, chief TD Goichberg had excellent local directing assistance from *CCJ*'s own **Carolyn Withgitt** and Cal Bear fan **Alan Tse**. **Jay Blem** and **Don Shennum** from "National Chess and Games" provided plenty of books and equipment to tempt chess shoppers. In the opinion of this player, the 1993 Continental Open and the Concord Hilton deserve two thumbs up.

White: NM Jesse Sales (2280)
Black: IM Anthony Saily (2485)
Torre Attack [A25]

Annotated by NM Peter Yu

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bg5 Bg7 4. e3
4. Nbd2 is more common aiming for the aggressive 5. e4.
4...b6 5. Be2

The bishop may be better on d3 to contest e4 against Black's announced fianchetto.

5...Bb7
Another plan is 5...0-0 6. 0-0 c5 7. c3 d6 8. Nbd2 Ba6!?

6. 0-0 c5 7. c3 0-0 8. Nbd2 d6 9. h3 Nbd7
9...Nc6 equalizes according to *ECO*. White's next move takes gains space and takes advantage of Nbd7.

10. b4 Rc8 11. Qb3 cb4
Southern California Champ Thomas Wolski recommends 11...Rc7 with the idea of 12...Qa8.

12. cb4 Qc7 13. Rac1!? Qc1 14. Rc1 Rc1 15. Kh2

Despite the gambit of a point, it is too early to assess if White is better or worse.

15...Rfc8 16. Qa4 R8c7 17. e4 R1c3 18. Bb5 Bc6 19. Bc6 R3c6 20. Qb5

Sales' "creeping queen moves" are slowly making Black's position less and less comfortable.

20...Rc2 21. e5 de5 22. de5 Ne8 23. Be7 a6
If 23...Ne5?! 24. Bd8! Nf3+ 25. Nf3 Nd6 26. Qd3 R7c6 27. b5! +/- Black's best chance is 23...Ra2, after which White can still play Bd8!

24. Qa6 Ne5
White has not only won a pawn, but also managed to isolate Black's b6.

25. Bh4 Nd7 26. Bg3 Rc8 27. Ne4
Setting up a "cheapo" that Black misses.

28...Bf8?
Although this move attacks b4, better would have been 28...Rd8 29. Bh4 Rb8.

28. Nc5! R8c5 29. bc5 Rc5 30. Qd3 Nef6 31. Nd2 Rd5 32. Qe2 Nh5 33. Bc7 Rc5 34. Bd8 Rc8 35. Bg5 Ng7 36. g3 Ne6 37. Be3 Bc5

Black's position seems solid enough to hold, but offering exchanges may not be prudent.

38. Bh6 Bf8 39. Bf8 Nef8 40. Kg2
Before White can embark on a plan, eventually undermining either b6 or f7, he must first secure his kingside.

40...Ra8 41. Nb3 Ra7 42. Qb2 Ne6 43. Nd2 Ra4 44. Nf1 Rd4 45. Ne3 h5 46. Qc3 Kh7 47. Qc6!

Once again those creeping queen moves have infiltrated. The end is near.

47...Rd2?!

This just allows White's next with tempo. 47...Nd8 puts up greater resistance.

48. Nc4 Rd3 49. Nd6!
Much stronger than the superficial 49. Nb6.

49...Ne5 50. Qb6 h4
Black's only offensive on the White king comes too little, too late.

51. Nf7! Nf4 52. gf4 Nf7 53. Qf6 Rd7 54. f5! 1-0

Much quicker than winning the h-pawn. Remember, watch out for those creeping queen moves!

White: IM David Strauss (2566)

Black: NM Jesse Sales (2280)

English Hedgehog [A30]

Annotated by NM Peter Yu

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. g3 b6 4. Bg2 Bb7 5. Nc3 e6 6. 0-0 d6 7. Re1 Be7

Strauss has always been a positional player and in this game finds himself facing the stubborn Hedgehog. I suspect positional players must dislike the Hedgehog because it appears to concede White a positional plus but always proves to be a hard nut to crack. This time, the pressure on IM Strauss is compounded by his half-point deficit behind the Cinderella-like Sales.

8. e4 a6 9. d4
No guts, no glory.
9...cd4 10. Nd4 Qc7 11. Be3 0-0 12. Rc1 Nbd7

Black ends the suspense and chooses the predictable Nbd7 over c6.

13. f4 Rac8 14. Bf2
Preparing the stinging e5. But watch how Sales' play maintains Black's resilient Hedgehog bunker.

14...Qb8 15. e5 Ne8 16. Bh3 Nc5 17. b4 de5!?
Just when it looks like White is going to win after ...Nd7 and sac on e6, Black throws in some intermezzos.

18. fe5
18. Re5! may be better as mentioned by SM Thomas Wolski. For example, if 18...Nd7 19. Re6 fe6 20. Be6 Kh8 21. Bd7, or 18...Rd8? 19. bc5 bc5 20. Nd5 etc. and White has a distinct advantage. Perhaps Strauss did not anticipate Sales' second intermezzo.

18. Rd8! 19. Qe2 Nd7 20. a3 Ba8
Black's long-diagonal intentions become clear. But instead of the neutralizing 21. Bg2 Bg2 22. Kg2, White is tempted to over-press his much lower rated opponent.

21. Ne6?! fe6 22. Be6 Kh8 23. Nd5 Nc7!
White appears just a breath away from full compensation, but Black turns off the oxygen.

24. Nc7
24. Bd7 Nd5 25. cd5 Rd7 and d5 can no longer protect White from mate threats along the a8-h1 diagonal.

24...Qc7 25. Bd5 a5 26. Qb2
The hunter now becomes the prey.

26...ab4 27. ab4 Bc6 28. Bd4 Qb7 29. Rcd1 b5
Not 29...Bd5? 30. cd5 Qd5 31. Bb6

30. e6 Nf6 31. Bc6 Qc6 32. c5 Rfe8

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White's once mighty pawns are now static targets.

33. Qe2 Kg8 34. Rf1 Qe4 35. Qe4 Ne4 36. Rf7 Nf6

Black plays sensibly, as White's earlier compensation has now all but evaporated.

37. c6 Rc8 38. c7 Rc7 39. Bf6 gf6 40. Kg2 Rf8 0-1

Strauss resigns gracefully amidst a burst of applause from the closely huddled spectators. Underdog NM Jesse Sales had just earned the title of 1993 Continental Open Champion.

White: NM Peter Yu (2349)

Black: WIM Liz Neely (2219)

Tarrasch Defense [A36]

Annotated by NM Peter Yu

1. c4

The last tournament Liz and I played we also met in the final round. That game didn't matter so far as winning any money. This time things are different as the winner would be guaranteed a nice chunk of dough with four points out of five.

1...c5

Liz decides not to revisit the line 1...e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. g3 Bb4 4. Bg2 0-0 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. 0-0 Re8 7. Nd5 Bc5 8. d3 h6 9. a3 a5 10. Bd2 Nd5 11. cd5 Nd4 12. e3 Nf3 13. Qf3 d6 14. e4 += as in Yu-Neely, Santa Clara 1992.

2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 Nf6

Symmetrical lines are always difficult in a must-win situation. Fortunately Liz spares us both the trouble by breaking the symmetry.

4. Bg2 e6

This move invites White to play d4 in the near term. I suspect most English players suffer from d4-phobia, otherwise they would play it on move one. However, White's greatest weapon in the English is the ability to transpose, and any player who wishes to advance with this opening must learn to be flexible.

5. Nf3 d5 6. cd5 ed5

6...Nd5 would have preserved some likeness to the English, as it does not force 7. d4. However, even after 6...Nd5, White can choose 7. d4 anyway and enter a Semi-Tarrasch: 7...Be7 8. 0-0 0-0 9. Nd5 (e4!?) ed5 10. dc5 Bc5 11. Qc2 +=/= . The text leaves little choice for White but to transpose into a Tarrasch Defense.

7. d4 Be6

This rarely-played move postpones developing Black's king's bishop, hoping White will take on c5 first. More common is 7...Be7, after which Yu—Jeff McKenna (2299), Rockville 1991, continued 8. 0-0 0-0 9. dc5 Bc5 10. Bg5! d4 11. Bf6 Qf6 12. Ne4 Qe7 13. Nc5 Qc5 14. Rc1 Qb6 15. Qd2 Re8 16. Rfd1 Bg4 17. Nd4! Rad8 18. Bc6 bc6 19. Rc6 Rd4 20. Qd4 Qc6 21. Qg4 +-. .

Earlier in the tournament I saw NM Emmanuel Perez on the board next to me play 7...Be7 8. 0-0 Bg4 9. Be3! c4 which led to a good game for White. Due to my real-time "opening preparation," I was not afraid of entering this line. However, I was worried about

7...Bg4! immediately, since 8. Be3 c4 9. 0-0 would allow Black to place her bishop on a more aggressive square than e7. Fortunately, Black played what seemed to be a passive move.

8. 0-0 Qd7

A theoretical novelty. 8...Be7 leads us back to book after 9. Bg5 0-0 10. dc5 Bc5 11. Bf6 Qf6 12. Nd5 Qb2 13. Nc7 Rad8 14. Qc1 Qc1 Rac1 with a slight edge for White. B.C.O. gives 8...h6 as another possibility, preventing White's next move.

9. Bg5!

Now Black begins to get in trouble. The simple 9...Be7 cannot meet White's dual threat of taking on c5 or doubling pawns on f6. Likewise, 9...cd4 allows 10. Bf6 dc3 11. Bc3 giving White a bind on Black. This leaves 9...Ne4, which looks aggressive at first but probably drops a pawn.

9...Ne4 10. Ne4 de4 11. Ne5 Qd5!?

This was Black's point to her ninth move. White wins the e4 pawn easily after 11...Ne5 12. de5 Qc6 (Qd1 13. Rfd1 Bg4 14. Rd2 +-) 13. Rc1! Qb6 (Qd5 14. Qa4+) 14. b3.

12. Nc6 Qg5 13. Be4!

Black must have overlooked this shot back when she initiated the exchange on e4. If it weren't for the fact that 13...bc6 loses to 14. Bc6+, White would have had to retreat his embarrassed knight.

13...Bd5 14. Ne5!

Tactically forced, but good nonetheless.

14...Be4 15. Qa4+ Bc6

15...Ke7?? 16. Qd7+ Kf6 17. Qf7 mates.

16. Nc6 a6

Once again leaving a piece en prise without retribution. Somehow White has managed to gain a pawn and still threatens an unstoppable discovered check.

17. dc5 Bc5 18. Nd4+

If 18. Ne5+?! b5! and Black keeps castling rights.

18...Kf8 19. Nf3 Qf6

Better is 19...Qe7 protecting the bishop and attacking e2.

20. Rac1 b6 21. b4 b5 22. Qb3 Bb6 23. Qd5 Qd8 24. Rfd1 Qd5 25. Rd5

A pawn up in a better position, White should be able to win quickly. However, Black puts up a stubborn defense.

25...Ke7 26. Rc6 Rbh8 27. Ne5 Rb7 28. Rdd6 Rab8 29. Nd3

Heading towards d5. During the game I thought this would be a winning maneuver, but Black begins to unravel.

29...a5 30. Nf4 Ke8 31. Nd5 Bd8 32. a3 ab4 33. ab4 Ra8 34. Ra6 Ra6?!

Better is 34...Rba7 controlling the open a-file.

35. Ra6 Kd7 36. e4

At this point I realized my rook and knight needed reinforcements. White's extra e-pawn should be just the right peon for the job. Meanwhile, Black tries to activate her rook.

36...Rb8 37. Ra7+ Ke6 38. f4 g6

38...Bb6! 39. Nb6 Rb6 really puts White's 38th move to the test. Theoretically White should still win the rook and pawn endgame

Readers' Games

Arthur Braden-Rich Kelson Concord 4/11/93
 1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 b6 3. Bg2 Bb7 4. d4 e6 5. c4 Be7 6. d5 ed5 7. Nh4 c6 8. Nf5 0-0 9. cd5 Bb4 10. Bd2 Bd2 11. Qd2 Nd5 12. Bd5 cd5 13. Nd6 Bc6 14. 0-0 Qf6 15. Qf4 Qf4 16. gf4 f5 17. b4 Rf6 0-1

I Ivanov-Burt Izumikawa

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c6 4. e3 Nf6 5. Nf3 Nbd7 6. Qc2 Bd6 7. Be2 0-0 8. 0-0 dc4 9. Bc4 b5 10. Bd3 Bb7 11. Nd2 a6 12. Nce4 Be7 13. Nf6 Nf6 14. Nb3 h6 15. Bd2 Bd6 16. e4 e5 17. Na5 Qb6 18. Rac1 Rac8 19. de5 Be5 20. Qc5 Qc7 21. f4 Bb2 22. Nb7 Qb7 23. Rcd1 Rfd8 24. Be3 Ng4 25. Kh1 Ne3 26. Qe3 c5 27. e5 c4 28. Bf5 c3 29. e6 fe6 30. Be6 Kh7 31. Bc8 Rc8 32. Qe5 c2 33. Qb2 cd1(Q) 34. Rd1 Qe4 35. Qe5 Qe5 36. fe5 Rc5 37. Re1 Kg8 38. e6 Kf8 39. e7 Ke8 40. h3 Rc2 41. a3 Rc3 42. a4 ba4 43. Re6 a3 44. Kh2 Rb3 45. h4 Rc3 46. h5 Rb3 47. g4 Rf3 48. Ra6 Ke7 49. g5 hg5 50. Kg2 Rc3 51. Rg6 Kf7 52. Rg5 a2 53. Ra5 Rc2 54. Kf3 Ke6 55. Ke4 Kd6 56. Kd3 Rh2 57. Kd4 Kc6 58. Kc4 Kb6 59. Ra8 Rg2 60. Kb4 Rf2 61. Kc4 Rh2 62. Kb4 Rh5 63. Ra2 Rd5 64. Kc4 Kc6 65. Ra1 Rd6 66. Rg1 g6 67. Rg5 1/2

NM Mark Pinto-John Trivett 2006 (1993 National Open)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 ed4 4. Bc4 Bc5 5. c3 Nf6 6. e5 Ne4 7. cd4 Bb4 8. Bd2 Nd2 9. Nbd2 d5 10. Bb5 Bg4 11. Bc6 bc6 12. Qc2 Rb8 13. a3 Bd2 14. Nd2 0-0 15. 0-0 Rb6 16. b4 Bh5 17. f4 Qh4 18. Nb3 Rfb8?! 19. Rae1 a5?! 20. Na5 Bg6 21. Qf2 Qf2 22. Rf2 Be4 23. Re3 Ra8 24. Rc3 h5 25. f5 h4 26. h3 Kf8 27. f6 gf6 28. Rf6 Ra5 29. ba5 Rb1 30. Rf1 Rb2 31. Rf2 Rb5 32. Rc6 Ra5 33. Rc7 Ra3 34. Rff7 Ke8 35. Rce7 Kd8 36. Ra7 1-0

FM Renard Anderson-NM Mark Pinto

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 de4 4. Ne4 Nf6?! 5. Nf6 gf6 6. c3 Bf5 7. Nf3 e6 8. g3 Qd5?! 9. Bg2 Qe4 10. Be3 Qd3?! 11. Qb3 Nd7! 12. Nd2 Qa6?! 13. c4 Be7 14. 0-0 0-0 15. g4! Bg4 16. Bh6 Bh5 17. Qg3 Bg6 18. Bf8 Rf8 19. b3?! Kh8 20. Kh1 Qa5 21. Nf3 Rg8 22. Rg1 Bh5 23. Qf4 Rg4 24. Qe3 Qf5! 25. Nd2! Bd6 26. Bh3 Qf4 27. Qf4 Rf4 28. c5 Rf2? 29. Rg2- Rg2 30. Bg2 Bf4 31. Nc4 e5 32. de5 fe5 33. Nb2 Nf6 34. Re1 Ng4 35. h3 Nf2 36. Kg1 Nd3 37. Rb1 and White won.

Richard Shorman-Elite Avant Garde, 5/10/93 5-min game

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bc4 Ne4 4. Nc3 Nc3 5. dc3 f6 6. Nh4 g6 7. 0-0 c6 8. f4 d5 9. fe5 f5 10. Qd4 Be7 11. Nf3 dc4 12. Qc4 b6 13. Qf4 Ba6 14. Re1 Qd5 15. Be3 Nd7 16. Rad1 Qa2 17. Nd4 Qb2 18. Ne6 Rc8 19. Ng7 Kf8 20. Qh6 Ne5 21. Nf5 Ke8 22. Ng7 Kf7 23. Bd4 Nd7 24. Ne6 Bf6 25. Ng5 Kg8 26. Re7 Qc2 27. Rg7 Kf8 28. Rd7 Ke8 29. Bf6 Qd1 30. Rd1 Rf8 31. Qg7

Rf6 32. Qf6 Bc4 33. Re1 Be2 34. Re2 Kd7 35. Qe7 1-0

White: Dave Quarve

Black: John Brewster

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Nimzo-Indian Defense [E22]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qb3 c5 5. e3 Ne4 6. Bd3 Bc3

6...Qh4? 7.g3 Qg4 8.f3!!

7. bc3 Nf6

My chess computer (Fidelity's Design Display 2000) played ...d5 here.

8. dc5

Wins a pawn and opens the diagonal a3-f8 for the bishop, but gives up the e5 square.

8...0-0 9. Nf3 d6 10. cd6 Qd6 11. Ke2

I believe 11.Nd4 Na6 12.Ba3 Nc5 13.Bc5 is better here.

11...Nbd7

11...Rd8!?

12. Rd1 Nc5 13. Ba3

I considered 13.Bh7, winning another pawn and obtaining play on the open d-file, but was not convinced it was sufficient to win. After 13...Kh7 14.Rd6 Nb3 15.ab3 Ne4 is met by 16.Rd4! (16...Nc3? 17.Kd2 wins the knight), so 13.Bh7 was best in fact.

13...Qc7 14. Qc2 h6

14...e5!?

15. Rab1

15.Bc5 is better.

15...b6!

A good plan, Black completes his development and takes control of the long diagonal h1-a8.

16. g3

Frees the knight but allows Black to continue his plan with good play in the center and along the long diagonal.

16...Bb7 17. Nd4 Rfd8 18. f4?

Allows a nice little combination which wins material for Black. Giving up the minor exchange with 18.Bc5, as recommended by my computer, was necessary.

18...Nd3! 19. Rd3 Be4 20. Qa4 Bd3 21. Kd3 Qb7!

Once again, the long diagonal becomes an avenue of attack.

22. Re1 Qe4 23. Kd2 Qg2 24. Re2 Ne4

24...Rd4! 25.cd4 Ne4 26.Kd3 Qe2 27.Ke2 Nc3 wins.

25. Kc2 Nf2 26. Kc1 Qf1 27. Kd2 Ne4 28. Kd3 Nc5

Again missing the shot 28...Qe2!, and if 29. Ke2 Nc3. 29. Ke4 also leads to mate after 29...f5 30. Nf5 (30. Ke5 Qe3) Qg2 31. Ke5 Rd5! 32.cd5 (32.Ke6 Qe4) Qd5 #.

29. Bc5 bc5 30. Qc2 cd4 31. cd4 Qf3 32. Rf2 Qb7 33. e4 f5 34. ef5 ef5 35. d5 Rac8 36. Qb3 Qa6

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The threat is ...Rd5.

37. Kd4 Rb8

37...Re8!?

38. Qc2 Qb6 39. c5 Qb4

Also good is Qf3! Here the game was adjourned.

40. Ke5 Rb5! 1-0

The White central pawns, which offered the chief incentive for counterplay, have been overpowered. John indicated after the game that he had expected 40.Qc4, but this allows the devastating shot 40...Rd5 41. Kd5 Rd8, whereupon the White King must abandon the protection of his queen, thereby having given up pawn and queen for rook.

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due to his extra pawn and the presence of "outside" b-pawns.

39. Kg2 Rc8 40. Kf3 f5?!

This just invites White's next move. Black's impermeable defense begins to show signs of fatigue.

41. Ra6+ Kf7 42. e5 Rc2?

Missing the seriousness of White's threat.

43. e6+ Ke8 44. e7 Be7 45. Re6 Kd7 46. Re7+ Kd6 47. Re5

Now White's job has become exponentially easier.

47...Rh2 48. Ne3! Kc6 49. Ng2 Rh1 50. Ne1 Rh2 51. Re2 1-0

Her rook hopelessly imprisoned, Black resigns before losing more material.

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13th San Joaquin Valley Championship

by Dennis M. Wacjkus

Chessplayers all over California are still talking about the record draw of 52 players at the 13th Annual San Joaquin Championship, held in Fresno on May 22-23. The new St. Agnes Hospital site was ideal for a chess tournament, spacious and comfortable. We drew 3 Masters and 7 Experts, who found the competition pretty strong. **NM Renard Anderson** tied for first place with 4-1/2 points, the only one of the Experts and Masters to win a piece of the \$1000+ prize fund, with **Tom Ashley**. The trophy plaque went to Anderson on tie-breaks. Both Anderson and Ashley qualify for the Tournament of Champions at the CalChess State Championships on September 4-6, where the winners of regional qualifying tournaments are eligible for added prize money.

The winner of the "A" prize and plaque was **Carolyn Withgitt**, who scored four points and only lost to top-seeded Anderson. She was chased by **Joseph C. De Leon**, **Steve Brown**, **Walter Stellmacher**, and **Allan Fifield**, who also served as co-Tournament Director with Fresno Club President **Dennis Wacjkus**. The "B" prize was split between **Joe Millares** (plaque), **Anthony Maniscalco**, **George Paxton** and **Charles Ford**. The "C" winner was **Carl Yates**, with a tie for second between **James Williams** and **Albert Martinez**. **Patrick Pettey** and **Louis Spate, Jr.**, tied for the "D" prize. Pettey won the plaque on tie-breaks, but Spate played some very fine chess and shows rapidly improving technique. **Eric Corgiat**, **Vinka Bell**, **Kevin Koski**, and **Dwight Williams** tied for first in the "E" section.

The success of this tournament, and the uniformly favorable comments from the players, led us to schedule another tournament at St. Agnes Hospital in Fresno on the weekend of November 20-21, 1993.

White: Tom Ashley
Black: Ed Auerbach

1. c4 g6 2. Nc3 Bg7 3. g3 e6 4. Bg2 Nf6 5. d4 d5 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. 0-0 0-0 8. Ne5 Ne7 9. Qb3 c6 10. Rd1 Re8 11. g4 dc4 12. Qc4 Ned5 13. e4 Nb6 14. Qd3 Qe7 15. g5 Nfd7 16. f4 h6 17. h4 hg5 18. hg5 Be5 19. de5 Kg7 20. Be3 Nf8 21. Rd2 Bd7 22. Nd1 Rad8 23. Nf2 Qb4 24. b3 Bc8 25. Qe2 Qc3 26. Rad1 Rd2 27. Rd2 Nfd7 28. Ng4 Rh8 29. Nf6 Ne5? 30. fe5 Qe5 31. Ng4 Qc7 32. Bd4 Kg8 33. Bh8 Kh8 34. Qd3 e5 35. Qd8 Qd8 36. Rd8 1-0

White: John Charles Barnard
Black: Allan Fifield

1. d4 e6 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. g3 b6 4. Bg2 Bb7 5. 0-0 c5 6. Bg5 Be7 7. e3 d5 8. Nbd2 Nbd7 9. c4 0-0 10. Qa4 h6 11. Bf6 Bf6 12. Rfd1 cd4 13. ed4 Qe7 14. Rac1 Rfc8 15. cd5 Bd5 16. Rc8 Rc8 17. Qa7 Ra8 18. Qc7 Ra2 19. Ne5 Ne5 20. Qb8 Qf8 21. Qf8 Kf8 22. Bd5 ed5 23. de5 Be5 24. Nf3 Bb2 25. Rd5 Ba3 26. Ne5 Ke7 27. f4 Bc5 28. Kh1 Ke6 29. Rd8 f6 30. Nd3 Ra7 31. Kg2 Rd7 32. f5 Ke7 33. Rd7 Kd7 34. Kf3 Kd6

35. Ke4 b5 36. Nc1 Bg1 37. h3 Kc5 38. Kf4 Kb4 39. g4 Bh2 40. Ke3 Be5 41. h4 Kc4 42. Nd3 Kd5 43. h5 Bd6 44. Kd2 Kd4 0-1

White: Jose de Leon
Black: Jim Williams

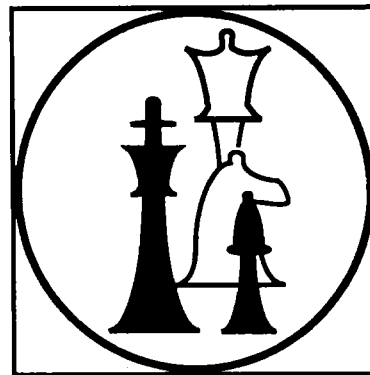
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White: Joe Millares
Black: Carolyn Withgitt

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ed5 Qd5 4. Nf3 Nc6 5. c3 b6 6. Bf4 Bd6 7. Bd6 cd6 8. Na3 a6 9. Nc4 Rb8 10. Be2 Nge7 11. 0-0 0-0 12. Ne3 Qa5 13. b4?! Qa3 14. Qd2 d5 15. Rfb1 Na7 16. Qc2 Bd7 17. Nd2 Ba4 18. Nb3 a5 19. Qd2 ab4 20. cb4 Bb5 21. Nc2 Qa6 22. Bb5 Qb5 23. a4 Qd7 24. b5 Rfc8 25. Ne3 Rc7 26. Rc1 Nac8 27. Rc7 Qc7 28. Rc1 Qd7 29. Re1?! Nd6 30. f3 Ra8 31. Qc2 Ra4 and Black won.

White: Andy Swanson
Black: Dr. Timothy Roth

1. e4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. ed5 Nd5 4. Bc4 c6 5. Qf3 Nf6 6. h3 Nbd7 7. d4 Nb6 8. Qd3 Nc4 9. Qc4 Bf5 10. Nce2 Be4 11. Nf3 Bf3 12. gf3 Qd5 13. Qd3 e6 14. Bd2 0-0-0 15. 0-0-0 Qa2 16. c3 Qb3 17. Qc2 Qc4 18. Be3 h5 19. b3 Qd5 20. Kb2 Qf3 21. Ra1 a6 22. Qd3 g6 23. Rhg1 h4 24. Ra6 ba6 25. Qa6 Kd7 26. Nf4 Bd6 27. Ng6 fg6 28. Rg6 Rhg8 29. Qb7 Bc7 and Black won.



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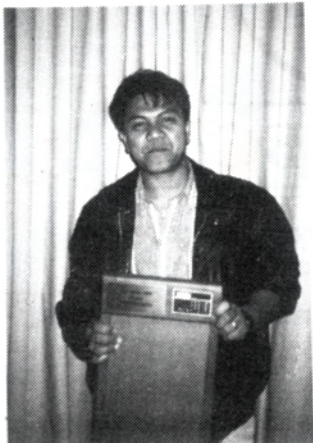
by FM Jim Eade and NM Tom Dorsch

The 1993 Northern California State Championship drew 210 players to San Mateo over the Labor Day weekend to compete for over \$5500 in prizes. **GM Nick de Firmian** (2608), last year's winner, again took the title of state champ, giving up draws to **GM Walter Browne** (2640) and **FM James Eade** (2336). Tying for second were **GM Walter Browne** (2640) and **FM Burt Izumikawa** (2349), **SM Vladimir Strugatsky** (2498) was fourth. Top Under 2400 winners were **Eade**, **Renard Anderson** (2365), **Detlef Plump** (Unr.) of Germany, and **Precioso Saguisag** (2291).

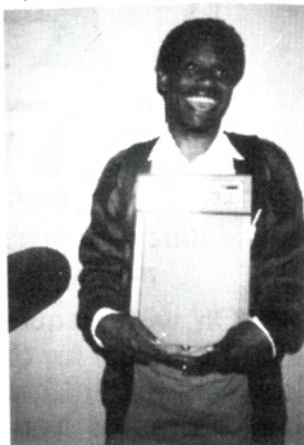


Master 1st Place
GM Nick deFirmian

The Expert prize and title of State Amateur Champion went to **Enoch Cruz** (2004) who gave up just one draw to second-place finisher **Carmelito Mejia** (2064). In the "A" Section **Clifton Ford** (1955) scored a perfect 6-0 to sweep. **Carl Minzner** (1906) and **Richard Yang** (1865) tied for second place.



Expert 1st Place
Enoch Cruz

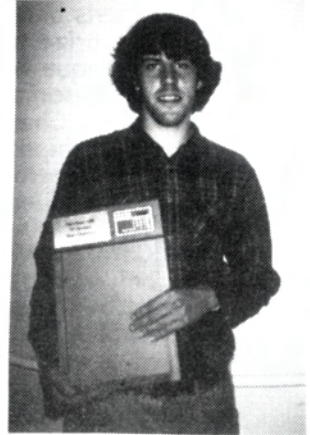


"A" 1st Place
Clifton Ford

The "B" Section top honors were shared by **Ursula Foster** (1749) and **Akram Hanna** (1666), who won the trophy on tiebreaks. Ms. Foster garnered the Senior State Champion title and trophy for her outstanding performance.

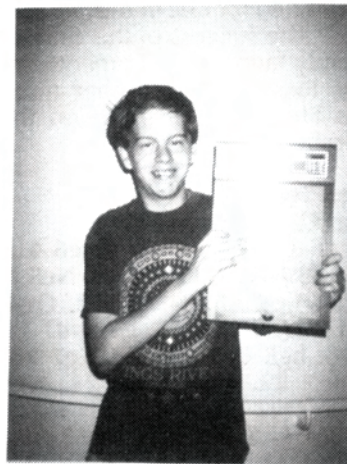


"B" 1st Place
Akram Hanna



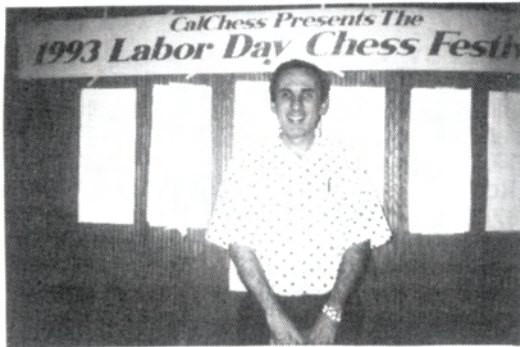
"C" 1st Place
Jonathan Baker

Jonathan Baker (1570) won the "C" Section. **Louis Spate, Jr.** (1370) was champion of the "D/E" section. **Edward Muginshteyn** went undefeated in the Unrated Section.



"D/E" 1st Place
Louis Spate, Jr.

The twenty-two master CalChess/WBCA State Blitz Championship was won by **Ronald Cusi**, who defeated Walter Browne in a dramatic last-round encounter to take the title of 1993 State Blitz Champion. **NM Mike Splane** played a twenty-four game simul, losing only two games, one to Detlef Plump (who finished fourth in the Master section of the main event) and **Ignac Sperman**.



"Unr" 1st Place
Edward Muginshteyn



California Junior
Invitational 1st Place
Harish Bhat



Simul Challengers
Ready For Battle

The Northern California Junior Invitational Championship brought the top eight juniors together for a round-robin competition. Fifth-seed **Harish Bhat** (1899) scored 6 points, edging **Tigran Ishkanov** (2250) by half a point. The Junior Invitational was sponsored by "Games of Berkeley".

The tournament was staffed by TDs **Carolyn Withgitt, Julie Regan, Alan Tse, Craig Smith**, and assisted by **Charles Pigg, Don Wolitzer, Richard Shorman, Peter Yu, Neil Regan**, and **John Johnson**.

White: FM James Eade (2336)

Black: Mike Anderson (2113)

Torre Attack [A48]

Annotated by FM James Eade

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. Bg5 Be7 4. Nbd2 d5 5. c3 Nbd7 6. e3 Ne4!?

Exchanges or displaces White's developed pieces at the cost of an inflexible and vulnerable pawn structure.

7. Be7 Qe7 8. Ne4 de4 9. Nd2 f5

Better than 9...Nf6, because White always has the lever with f3.

10. Bc4

To restrain ...e5.

10...0-0

Black should probably play ...e5 and try to cover the weak white squares in his position with a timely ...Be6.

11. 0-0 Nb6 12. f3 Nc4

12...Nd5 is interesting, but the complications following 13. Qe2 f4 14. Bd5 and 15.fe4 favor White.

13. Nc4 b5?!

Loosening, but Black is at least consistent in trying to get piece play regardless of the resulting pawn structure.

14. Nd2

14. Ne5 is inviting, but I preferred to fix and attack Black's weak pawn structure instead.

14...Bb7 15. fe4 fe4 16. Nb3

Aiming for the choice c5 outpost created by Black's 13th move.

16...Qg5

Seeking counterplay with piece activity.

17. Qd2 Rf3!

Exploiting the g-file pin and pressuring the e-pawn, but these aggressive displays should be beaten back eventually.

18. Nc5 Bd5 19. Rae1 Raf8 20. b3

To drive the bishop away with c4.

20...a5?

There is no reason for Black to move pawns on the queenside. 20...h5 is more consistent.

21. Qe2?

Wanting to protect e3, cover f1 and prepare c4, but missing Black's 22nd. 21.Qc1 accomplishes everything without giving Black needless tempi.

21...h5

The only way to make progress in this position.

22. c4 Qg4! 23. Qc2

Admitting the mistake.

23...bc4 24. bc4 Bc6

24...Bc4 doesn't work after 25. Qc4 Rf1

26. Rf1 Qe3 and simply 27.Kh1.

25. Nb3

White has to work hard to win the position after his mistake.

25...h4 26. Nd2 Rf1 27. Nf1 h3 28. Ng3 hg2

29. Qg2 Rf3 30. Nf1 Qh5 31. Rb1

White finally manages to generate some threats.

31...Rf6 32. Rb2 Qd1 33. Rf2 Rf3 34. Qg4 Kf7 35. Qh5 Kg8 36. Qa5

This resource wouldn't have been available to White except for Black's 20...a5

After 37...Qc2 38. Nd2, White eventually untangles and wins the ending.

38. Ke1 Be8

Still struggling to get this piece back into the game, which was caused by allowing the bad pawn structure in the first place.

39. Qa8

Exploiting the pin and the exposed king position to improve the white queen's position.

39...Kf8 40. Qb8 Qg2

Looking to snap off the a-pawn, if White muches the c-pawn.

41. Qb4 Kg8

41...Kf7 shuts the bishop off from the queenside.

42. Qe7

Playable because the exposed black king's position allows White to grab material and still get back in time to neutralize Black's queen/bishop battery.

42...Bh5 43. Qe6 Kh8 44. Qc8 Kh7 45. Qf5 g6 46. Qf7 Kh8 47. Qf2 Qg4 48. Qd2 Qe6 49. d5 Qa6 50. Ng3 Bf3 51. Ne4! Qc4

51...Be4 52. Qd4 recovers the piece with an easy ending.

52. Qc3

Trading down into an easily won endgame.

52...Qc3 53. Nc3 Kg7 54. Kf2 Bh1 55. e4 Kf6 56. Ke3 Ke5 57. a4 Bg2 58. a5 Bf1 59. Ne2 Bg2 60. Ng3 Bh3 and White won in a few more moves.

White: FM James Eade (2336)

Black: IM Marc Leski (2539)

London System [A46]

Annotated by FM James Eade

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 c5 3. c3 Qb6 4. Qb3 Nf6 5. Bf4 Nc6 6. e3 c4 7. Qc2 Bf5 8. Qc1 Qd8 9. h3 h6 10. Be2 e6 11. Nbd2 b5 12. Ne5?

White needs to play 12. b3 before this move, so that e4 becomes playable.

12...Ne5 13. de5 Nd7 14. 0-0 Nc5

Correctly eschewing the idea of trying to win the e-pawn—which is all I considered, by the way—in favor of dropping a piece in on d3.

15. Re1 Be7 16. Nf3 Qb6 17. Nd4 Nd3 18. Bd3 Bd3 19. a4!?

Long-term resistance, with, for example, b4 and a3, is useless, so White plays for cheapo potential by transferring the white queen to the kingside, hoping her counterpart is distracted by pawn meals on the queenside.

19...b4 20. a5 Qb7 21. Qd1 0-0

Black doesn't want to allow 22.Qa4, and therefore castles.

22. Qg4 Kh7 23. h4

Scurrying to create another threat.

23...Rac8 24. h5 bc3 25. bc3 Qb2

And here she comes!

26. Rac1 Ba3 27. e4!?

Desperate times call for...

27...Be4 28. Re4

"Having said, 'A...'"

28...de4 29. Rf1

Only now does White realize that his intended 29.Ne6 and 30.Bh6 fails to 30...Qf2.

29...Rfe8?

Either 29...Qc3 or 29...Qb7 bust White's pseudo-attack by covering g7 in the critical lines.

30. Bc1! Qc3 31. Qe4 Kg8 32. Nb5 Qa5 33. Na3

Although White was feeling a little better here, the ending is still "-+."

33...c3 34. Nc2 Rc5 35. Qg4 Kh8 36. Qf4 Qc7 37. Be3 Rc4

37...Re5 loses to 38. Bd4, with a double pin due to the threat of Qh6 and Qg7 mate if the rook should move.

38. Qf3 Rb8 39. Rc1 a5 40. Qe2 Ra4 41. Bd4 Rd8 42. Qe3 Qc4

Black should have hit on this idea earlier; now White has some real drawing chances.

43. Qf3 Qc7 44. Qe3 Rc8 45. Ne1 Ra3 46. Rc2 Rb3 47. Nd3 Qc4 48. Nc1 Rb1?

This mistake turns the tables. Black has to keep the rook guarding the c-pawn.

49. Rc3! Qa6

Black's intended 49...Rc1 obviously fails to 50.Qc1.

50. Kh2 a4?

Now this should lose, but White has used up all his time in trying to survive this long.

51. Qd3! Rc3 52. Qa6 Rcc1 53. Qa4 Rb8 54. Qa7 Rf8 55. Qa3 Rfc8 56. Qe3 R1c4 57. g3 Kg8 58. Qd3 Ra4 59. Be3 Rac4 60. Kg2 Ra4

White accepts the draw offer.

1/2-1/2

White: FM Renard Anderson (2366)

Black: FM James Eade (2336)

French Defense [C11]

Annotated by FM James Eade

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. f4 c5 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. Be3 a6 8. Qd2 cd4 9. Nd4 Bc5 10. 0-0-0 0-0 11. g3?

This is too quiet. 11. h4 is the main line.

11...Qc7 12. Qf2 b5 13. Nc6 Qc6 14. Bd3 Rb8

Why doesn't Black play the normal idea of b4-a5-Ba6 like he has a dozen times before? Black gets a better idea on the spot, which, of course, doesn't work out.

15. Rhf1

White still aims for an eventual f5 lever.

15...Qb6

Consistent with Black's "improvement."

16. Bc5 Qc5 17. Qf3

Threatening to shift the queen and commence a quick kingside storm.

17...Re8

Allowing queen retreats to f8 or e7 as need be, but this certainly wasn't Black's intention when he played 14...Rb8.

18. g4 Nb6 19. Qh3 g6 20. Rf3 Nc4

Perhaps 20...Na4 was better.

21. Rdf1

Allowing White to play Nd1 should Black threaten b2.

21...Rb7 22. Qh4 Qe7 23. Qe7 Rbe7

The ending is slightly better for White.

24. Ne2 Rc7

This looks like a strategic error, but it could emphasize White's bind, if followed up correctly with, for example, Rh3-h6.

25. g5?! Bb7 26. Nd4 Kg7 27. b3?!

27. Rh3.

27...Na5 28. Kd2?!

Last chance for 28. Rh3-h6.

28...Nc6 29. Ke3 Rh8

Now Black opens and exploits the h-file.

30. a3 h6 31. h4 hg5 32. hg5 Rh4 33. Rg3 Ne7

34. Rgg1 Rh3 35. Kf2 Nc6 36. Nf3 d4

Double-edged, but the slight weakness of the d4 pawn is offset by opening the long white diagonal for Black's hungry bishop.

37. Rg3 Rh8 38. Ke1 Rd7 39. Kd2 Ne7 40. Rf2 Rh1 41. Bf1

Now White must defend accurately and strive to exchange one set of rooks.

41...Bf3

A difficult decision and both players are starting to worry about their clocks.

42. Rgf3 Nf5 43. Rh3 Rg1

Black is safe, if he takes, but only has winning chances if he keeps the rooks on.

44. Bd3 Ne3 45. Rfh2 Kf8

Avoiding the threat of 46.Rh8 and R1h7 mate.

46. Rh8 Ke7 47. Ra8 Rc7

Attacking the c-pawn and creating an escape square for the King.

48. Rhh8 Rg2 49. Ke1

If 49. Kc1 Rg1 50. Kb2 Nd1 mates.

49...Nc2 50. Bc2 Rgc2

Of course, 50...Rcc2 allows 51. Ra7 with mate to follow.

51. Rhe8 Kd7 52. Red8 Ke7 53. Re8 Kd7 54.

Rad8 Kc6 55. Rd4 Kb7 56. Red8 Rc1 57. Ke2

R1c2 58. Ke3 Rh2 59. Rd3 Rh3 60. Ke4 Rd3

61. Kd3 Ka7 62. Kd4 Kb7 63. Rd6 1/2-1/2

A good fight!

White: FM Richard Lobo (2370)

Black: FM James Eade

Catalan [E05]

Annotated by FM James Eade

1. c4 e6 2. Nc3 d5 3. d4 Be7 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. g3 0-0 6. Bg2 dc4 7. Ne5 c5 8. dc5 Qd1

8...Qc7 is also possible.

9. Kd1?!

9. Nd1 is considerably safer.

9...Bc5 10. f4?

This makes the development of Black's queenside much easier, because it takes f4 away from White's bishop.

10...Nbd7 11. Nc4 Rb8

Exploiting the fact that Bf4 isn't possible.

12. e4 b5 13. Na5?!

13. Ne3 is better, but that would admit that White is worse. White instead plays for a queenside bind, to which Black responds with a violent attack, all the more subtle, because the queens are off the board.

13...Ba6!?

An odd placement, but an important one, as will soon become evident.

14. a3 Ng4

Black's threat of winning the exchange is really just a feint. The real idea is to bring the knight into the mating attack.

15. Kc2

15. b4 Bd4 is also difficult for White.

15...Nf2 16. Re1 b4

Black is "in."

17. ab4 Nd3! 18. Rd1 Nb4 19. Kb1 Bd3 20. Rd3 Nd3 21. e5?

A final mistake.

21...Be3! 22. Kc2

22. Be3 is met by 22...Rb2 mate.

22...Ne1

Leaving Black an entire rook to the good. A rare weak game by the normally solid Senior Master.

0-1

White: Jim Eade

Black: Nick de Firmian (2608)

London System [A46]

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. Bf4 b6 4. e3 Bb7 5. Bd3

Be7 6. h3 c5 7. 0-0 Nc6 8. c3 0-0 9. Nbd2 cd4

10. ed4 a6 11. Qe2 b5 12. a4 b4 13. c4 d6 14.

Rfe1 Re8 15. Bh2 Bf8 16. Rad1 g6 17. Nf1 Qa5

18. Qd2 Rad8 19. b3 e5 20. d5 Nb8 21. Bc2

Nbd7 22. g4 Nc5 23. Bg3 Bg7 24. Bh4 Rf8 25.

Bg5 Rde8 26. Ng3 Kh8 27. Nh4 Bc8 28. Bh6

Bh6 29. Qh6 Ng8 30. Qd2 Qd8 31. Ng2 a5 32.

f4 ef4 33. Qf4 Qf6 34. Rf1 Qf4 35. Rf4 Kg7 36.

Kf2 Nf6 37. Re1 Re1 38. Ne1 Re8 39. Nf3 h6

40.Nd2 Bd7 41.Rd4 Re5 42.Nf3 Re7 43.Nd2

Bc8 44.Bd1 Re8 45.Bc2 Kf8 46.Rf4 Ke7

47.Nge4 Nfe4 48.Be4 Rh8 49.Kg3 Rf8 50.Bc2

f5 51.Rf3 Kf6 52.Re3 Bd7 53.Nf3 fg4 1/2-1/2

White: Mark Gagnon

Black: NM Precioso Saguisag

Master Section Brilliancy [A00]

1. g4 d5 2. Bg2 Bg4 3. c4 Bc8 4. Bd5 Nf6 5.

Bg2 c6 6. Nc3 g6 7. d3 Bg7 8. Bd2 b6 9. Nf3

Bb7 10. c5 bc5 11. Na4 Nfd7 12. Qb3 Qc8 13.

Ng5 0-0 14. Bh3 Na6 15. Nf7 c4 16. Qc4 Rf7

17. Be6 Qe8 18. Qb3 Ndc5 19. Nc5 Nc5 20.

Bf7 Qf7 21. Qb4 Qd5 22. Rg1 a5 0-1

White: Svetosar Olujic

Black: David L. Oppedal

Expert Brilliancy [A65]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c5 4. d5 ed5 5. cd5

d6 6. e4 g6 7. Bg5 Bg7 8. Bd3 h6 9. Bh4 0-0

10. Nge2 g5 11. Bg3 a6 12. a4 Qe7 13. f3

Nbd7 14. 0-0 Ne5 15. Be5 Qe5 16. f4 gf4 17.

Nf4 Qd4 18. Kh1 Ng4 19. Qf3 Be5 20. Ne6

Be6 21. de6 Nh2 22. ef7 Kg7 23. Qh3 Nf1 24.

Rf1 Bf6 25. Nd5 Rf7 26. Qg3 Bg5 27. Rf7 Kf7

28. Qd6 Rd8 29. Qc7 Kf8 30. Be2 b5 31. Bh5

Qf2 32. g3 ba4 33. Qe5 Kg8 34. Ne7 Be7 35.

Qe6 Kf8 36. Qh6 Kg8 1/2-1/2

White: Virgil Fuentes

Black: Bret Hoffer

"A" Section Brilliancy [B89]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3

Nc6 6. Bc4 e6 7. Be3 Be7 8. Qe2 Nd4 9. Bd4

0-0 10. 0-0-0 a6 11. Rhg1 b5 12. Bd3 Qa5 13.

g4 b4 14. g5 Ne8 15. Qh5 bc3 16. Bc3 Qc5 17.

f4 f5 18. Rg3 g6 19. Qh6 Rf7 20. Rh3 Bf8 21.

Qg6 Rg7 22. Qe8 Rg6 23. ef5 ef5 24. Rh7 Kh7

25. Qf8 Qc3 26. bc3 Bb7 27. Qf5 1-0

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Short Tournament Reports

BANKAMERICA CHESS CLUB

The 1993 Summer Picnic and Chess Tournament in Golden Gate Park drew an enthusiastic crowd for hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks, beer and chess on July 18. Despite competition from the San Francisco Marathon, Club President **Joe Puechner** reports that everyone was well-fed, had a good time, and won (almost all) of their games. When the smoke from the BBQ cleared, **Brian Jew** emerged victorious with 4 of 5 points, followed by **Nguyen Lam** (3.5), **Uwe Jacobs** (3), and **Guillermo Mendez** (2.5). In the four-round section, winners were **Ted E. Prokos** (3.5), **Patrick Dempsey** (3), **David Gray** (3), and **Dan Boudreay** (3), followed by **Michael Bennett** (2.5) and **Lorena Dreyfus** (2.5).

The next Bankamerica Club tournament will be the Winter Wonderland on Sunday, November 14, 1993, at 315 Montgomery in San Francisco. Call Joe Puechner at 415-751-5984 for details.

MODESTO CLUB

Knightlife Chess Tournaments sponsored the latest "chess-fights" with **Joseph de Leon** presiding at "ring-side!!" The five-round chess contest was held from 7/1/93 to 7/29/93, attracting nineteen players, including the club's newest tournament player, Jerry Butler.

The winners were as followed:

OPEN:—

1st: **Jose Juan de Leon** (2077) 5-0
 2nd: **Joseph C. de Leon** (1980) 4-1
 3rd: **Ursula Foster** (1753) 3.5-1.5

Under 1500:

1st: **Frank T. Fusco** (1220) 3-2
 2nd: **Charles Wray** (1189) 2.5-2.5

Joseph de Leon provides the following "round-by-round" cover-age:

"What a tournament!!! EVERYONE wanted to draw 'blood!!' Even Dracula volunteered to be our tournament 'medic!' (I turned him down because I already 'gave' at the office). For example:

Rd. 2: 'Macho Nacho' **Jose Ignacio Guerrero** (1832) 'K.O.'s' heavy-weight 'Killer' **Kevin Cripe** (1854) in thirty moves!.

Rd. 3: SUPER-HEAVYWEIGHT **Paul Cripe** (2376) joins the 'battle' (rds. 3 & 4)!!

Rd. 4: The 'lions' FINALLY play each other, **de Leon, Sr.** (1980) vs **de Leon, Jr.** (2077); **Jose Juan** won 'brilliantly' against defending '5-0' Champ, **Joseph C.**, yours truly!! (I blundered.)

Rd. 5: **Ursula Foster** (1753) vs. **Charles Wray** (1189) proved that the 'Queen' is STILL the

most powerful chess piece in chess!! (Disregard Chuck's 'provisional' rating, he's TOUGH!!!) Welter-weights 'The Lion' **Leon Aldrich** (1477) vs. 'Crusher' **Corbett Carroll** (1596) went the distance! Leon 'earned' the full point! **Frank Fusco** (1220) wins a close game over **Julie Vizcaino** (1144)!! For those of you haven't realized it yet, Julie plays at 'A' level strength against most people! Remember her name, she'll be among the 'chess elite' one day!! (Look out, Judit Polgar!) Great game, Frank!"

Here is a "thrilla" game from the "Thursday Knight Fights" July 1993 contest for your enjoyment:

White: Jose Ignacio Guerrero (1830)

Black: Kevin Cripe (1850)

Queen Pawn Opening [A48]

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. e3 Bg7 4. Bd3 0-0 5. Nbd2 b6 6. c3 Bb7 7. e4 d6 8. 0-0 c5 9. d5 a6 10. a4 Nbd7 11. h3 e5 12. Nh2 Nh5 13. Nc4 Qe7 14. f4 ef4 15. Bf4 Nf4 16. Rf4 b5 17. Na5 Ne5 18. ab5 Nd3 19. Qd3 Rfb8 20. Nc6 Bc6 21. bc6 Rb2 22. Ra6 Ra6 23. Qa6 Bc3 24. Qc8 Kg7 25. Nf3 Rb1 26. Kh2 g5 27. Rf5 h6 28. c7 Qe4 29. Rf7 Kf7 30. Qd7 1-0

TRIPLE CHECK TOURNAMENTS

Raphael Yelluas organizes and directs the monthly sectionals and scholastic quads in Palo Alto. These one-day events are held on Sundays, and provide a great opportunity to enjoy a pleasant day of chess, without "giving up" your entire weekend, or entire Sunday for that matter.

Sectionals #4 were held on 7/11/93. **Bruce Kopet** (1943) swept the first section with a perfect 3-0 score. In the second section **Yuliya Shamelashvili** (1291) also went undefeated to win her section.

There were four scholastic sections. **Austin Ozawa** (1233) won the first one with 2.5-.5. **Greg Wong** (988) gave up no points to win his quad. Unrated **Eitan Joffe** showed an impressive result with his 3-0 score. And in the fourth section, a mini-swiss, **Raymond Chow** (841) tied with **Nitay Joffe** (Unr.), both of them undefeated.

On 8/8/93 the Fifth Sectionals were held. **FM Renard Anderson** (2365) came in first place with 2.5-.5; **Bruce Matzner** (1963) and **Jordy Mont-Reynaud** (1888) tying for second, 1.5-1.5 each.

In Section II **Raphael Yelluas** (1714) tied for first with **Ilya Yelushvili** (Unr.), each of the scoring 2.5-0.5. Again, the **Joffe** kids demonstrated their expertise. **Eitan** won the first quad, and **Nitay** won the second group, both of them winning all of their games!

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WALNUT CREEK QUADS

The Walnut Creek Quads continue to thrive at the Theatre Caffe on Main Street under the direction of **Eric Baudry** and "**George**" **Djordjevic**.

The winners of the August 15 event were **Philip Cobert** and **Wade Regensberg**, tied with two points in Section A; **David Wait** (3) in Section B; **Michael Laffin** (3) in Section C; **Walter Catibog** (2.5) in Section D; **Robert Howland** (3) in Section E; **William Mealiffe** (2.5) in Section F; **Scott Cameron** (2.5) in Section G; and **Sergey Ostrovsky** (3) in Section H. The tournament was directed by Eric Baudry.

On August 22 the top section was split three ways between **Mitchell Vergara**, **Tom Stevens**, and **Pat Mead**, all with 2 points. Section B was swept by **Eric Baudry** (3). Section C went to **William Mealiffe** (3), and Section D was owned by **Kevin Nelson** (3).

There are rated quads or casual play every Sunday at the Theatre Caffe, on Main Street at the corner of Civic Drive in Walnut Creek, starting at noon.



NM Mike Splane Facing Two of His Challengers in the Friday Night Simul

White: Todd Imada
Black: Martin Weiss
"C" Section Brilliancy [A04]

1. Nf3 c5 2. e3 d5 3. d4 c4 4. b3 b5 5. Bb2 Nf6
6. Nbd2 Qc7 7. a4 c3 8. Bb5 Bd7 9. Bd7 Nbd7
10. Bc1 cd2 11. Nd2 e5 12. Bb2 e4 13. Rc1
Bd6 14. h3 Qa5 15. 0-0 h5 16. c4 g5 17. Qc2
Rc8 18. c5 Bb8 19. f3 Qc7 20. f4 h4 21. Ba3 g4
22. hg4 Ng4 23. Ne4 Ne3 24. Nd6 Qd6 25.
Rce1 Kd8 26. Re3 Qf6 27. Qd2 Kc7 28. Qa5
Kb7 29. Qb5 Ka8 30. Re7 a6 31. Qd7 Rc7 32.
Qd5 Ka7 33. Rc7 Bc7 34. c6 Rd8 35. Bc5 Ka8
36. Qe4 h3 37. gh3 Rg8 38. Kh2 Qg7 39. Qf3
Bf4 40. Kh1 Qg3 41. Qg3 Bg3 42. Rf7 a5 43.
Rf8 Bb8 44. b4 Rg1 45. Kg1 1-0

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White: Ursula Foster
Black: Von Motschenbacher
"B" Section Brilliancy [C00]

1. e4 e6 2. b3 b6 3. Bb2 Bb7 4. d3 c5 5. Nd2
Nc6 6. Ngf3 d5 7. ed5 ed5 8. Be2 Nf6 9. 0-0
Bd6 10. Re1 0-0 11. Bf1 d4 12. c3 Qd7 13.
Ne4 Ne4 14. de4 Rfe8 15. Qc2 Rad8 16. Rad1
dc3 17. Bc3 Qc7 18. Bd3 Ne5 19. Ne5 Be5 20.
Be5 Qe5 21. Re3 Rd4 22. f4 Qf4 23. Rf3 Qd6
24. Rdf1 Rde4 25. Rf7 Qd4 26. R7f2 Rh4 27.
g3 Rh5 28. Qc4 Rd5 29. Bf5 Qc4 30. Be6 1-0



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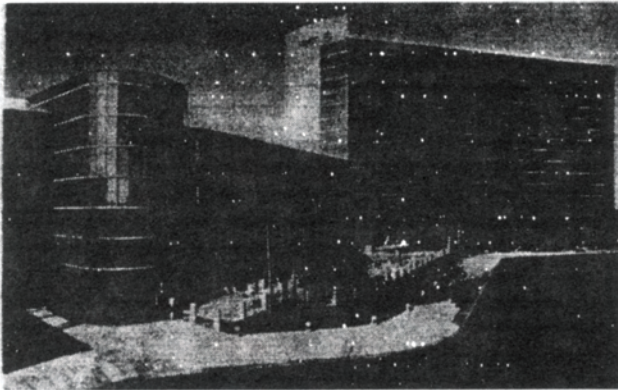
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29th LERA Sunnyvale Class Championships

by Carolyn Withgitt

For the twenty-ninth time, the weekend of August 21-22, LERA Sunnyvale Class Championships drew some of Northern California's best players to the familiar Mathilda Avenue clubhouse.

Top-ranked GM Nick de Firmian of Piedmont, the state champion, yielded two draws, and first place, to Burt T. Izumikawa of San Carlos, who gave up a draw only to de Firmian on his way to clear first with 3.5 points. De Firmian followed with NM Renard Anderson (Aptos), NM Emmanuel Perez (Antioch), and NM Richard Koepcke (Mountain View), all with 3.

Expert honors went to H. Edward Syrett of Menlo Park, with 3.5 Behind him with 3 were Doug Dekker (2141) of Sunnyvale, David Herscovici (2091) of Monterey, Enoch J. Cruz (2004) of Sunnyvale, and Jordy Mont-Reynaud (1988) of Stanford.

The Class "A" prize was taken by Bruce Kopet (1923) of Sunnyvale, 4-0, followed by Virgil Fuentes (1959) of South San Francisco with 3.5, then Mario L. Samatra (1988), Brian Jew (1968) of San Francisco, Richard D. Yang (1865) of Oakland, and John R. Juan (1800) of San Jose.

Section "B" fell to Raphael Yelluas (1714) of Palo Alto, followed by Joe Lonsdale, Jr. (1506) of Fremont with 3.5, then Bruce Jewett (1611) of Belmont and Richard Newey (1757) of Walnut Creek, 3 points.

The winners in Class "C" were Jonathan Baker (1570) of San Francisco and Jeff Ensley (1508) of Sebastopol, 3.5. Runner-ups with 3 points were Kevin Simler (1592) of Fremont, Mohamed J. Sirker (1557), and Ken White (1500) of Concord.

First "D" was Telman Akopian (1350) of Fresno with 4, first "E" was split between Uri Andrews (1138) of San Jose and Mariel Grumo (1133) of San Francisco, and the Unrated prize went to Anthony Rozenvasser of San Jose with 4 points.

A total of 130 players played in the event, directed by Jim Hurt and Ted Yudacufski.

White: Mark Gagnon 2136

Black: R. V. Taylor 2038

Master Section Brilliancy

1. e4 c5 2. b4 cb4 3. a3 ba3 4. Ba3 d6 5. d4 Nf6 6. Bd3 g6 7. Ne2 Bg7 8. Nd2 0-0 9. 0-0 Nc6 10. c3 Re8 11. f4 e5 12. fe5 de5 13. d5 Nb8 14. Ng3 Bg4 15. Qe1 Bc8 16. Nc4 Bf8 17. Bf8 Kf8 18. Qf2 Kg7 19. Nb6 ab6 20. Ra8 Na6 21. Rc8 Qc8 22. Qf6 1-0

White: Adrian Keatinge-Clay 2078

Black: Roberto Ricca 2162

Expert Section Brilliancy

1. d4 f5 2. c4 Nf6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. Nf3 0-0 6. Nc3 d6 7. 0-0 Qe8 8. d5 h6 9. Rb1 g5 10. b4 f4 11. gf4 gf4 12. Bf4 Ng4 13. Bd2 Qh5 14. h3 Ne5 15. Ne5 Be5 16. f4 Bc3 17. Bc3 Bh3 18. Rf3 Bg4 19. Rg3 Rf4 20. e3 Kf8 21. Rg4 Rg4 22. Qf3 Ke8 23. Rf1 Nd7 24. c5 Qg6 25. c6 bc6 26. dc6 Nf6 27. Bf6 ef6 28. Kh2 Qg5 29. Bh3 Qe5 30. Kh1 Rg3 31. Bd7 Ke7 32. Qf4 Qh5 0-1

White: Richard Yang 1865

Black: Mario Samatra 1988

A Section Brilliancy

1. e4 c6 2. f4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. d3 e6 5. Nf3 Nd7 6. c3 Bc5 7. b4 Bb6 8. d4 a5 9. a4 Ne7 10. Bd3 Bd3 11. Qd3 Nf5 12. 0-0 0-0 13. Nbd2 Qc7 14. g4 Ne7 15. Ng5 Ng6 16. Ndf3 Rae8 17. Nh7 Nde5 18. fe5 Ne5 19. Ne5 Qe5 20. ba5 Ba7 21. Ng5 f5 22. Qh3 Bd4 23. Kh1 Rf6 24. Qh7 Kf8 25. Qh8 Ke7 26. Qg7 Kd8 27. Bf4 Re7 28. Be5 Be5 29. Qh8 Re8 30. Qh4 Kc8 31. Qe1 Bc7 32. Rf5 Rh6 33. Nf3 Rg8 34. Rh5 Rf6 35. h3 Rgf8 36. Nd4 Rf2 37. Qe6 Kb8 38. Nf5 1-0

White: Tov Fisher-Kirshner 1283

Black: Leonard Trottier 1500

C Section Brilliancy

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d5 3. Ne5 de4 4. Bc4 Qg5 5. Nf7 Qg2 6. Rf1 Bg4 7. Be2 Be2 8. Qe2 Kf7 9. Qh5 g6 10. Qd5 Kg7 11. Qb7 Nd7 12. Qa8 Ne5 13. f4 Nf3 14. Rf3 Qf3 15. Nc3 Be7 16. Ne2 Qh1 17. Kf2 Qh2 18. Ke3 Qh3 19. Kd4 Qd7 20. Qd5 Qd5 21. Kd5 Nf6 22. Kd4 Rd8 23. Ke3 Bc5 0-1

White: Brian Jew (1968)

Black: J. C. Kuba (1826)

King's Indian Attack

Annotated by Brian Jew

Italicized notes by NM Peter Yu

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. 0-0 d6 5. d3

The King's Indian Attack.

5...0-0 6. e4

After 6. c4, Black can equalize with ...e5!?

7. Nc3 Nc6 8. Rb1 Nh5 (Nd4!?) 9. b4 f5 10. b5 Ne7 =.

6...Bg4

I'm glad he didn't choose to play symmetrically, then I wouldn't be sure what to play!

6...c6, e5, or Nbd7 is better since the text allows White either to push h3 with tempo or force Black to exchange his bishop for the knight.

7. Nbd2

This is all book right now, my next move would have been to play h3. Maybe I should have played h3 now to have two Bishops versus Knight and Bishop?

Development is always good.

7...Qc8 8. c3

This is to blunt Black's dark-squared bishop's diagonal and maybe to prepare d4 and e5.

8...c5 9. Qb3

I wanted to get the queen off the pin, but Qc2 was probably better.

9...Nc6 10. Re1 Rb8 11. Nf1

I didn't mind daring him to play Bf3 next move. Meanwhile my knight is getting out of the way of my bishop and possibly relocating to e3.

11...Bf3 12. Bf3 Ne5 13. Be2

Right now I became very worried about 13...c4! I didn't see a good move for myself, so luckily he didn't play that!

13...Qh3

Too superficial, much better is 13...c4! 14. Qd1 cd3 15. Bd3 Nd3 16. Qd3 b5 followed by b4.

14. Qd1 Qd7

Black is playing without a plan. In stark contrast, White has been consistent in preparing for the kill.

15. f4

Here come the pawns!

15...Nc6 16. g4

This was my first time playing this opening and I hoped I wasn't playing too aggressively!

16...Qc7 17. f5 b5 18. g5 Nd7

Threatening Nd5 followed by f6!

19. Ne3 Nb6 20. Ng4

Now I saw a beautiful mate! (21. f6 ef6 22. gf6 Bh8 23. Nh6++) Unfortunately this is too obvious.

20...Nd7 21. Rf1 Nce5 22. Ne3

His two knights can't guard every square, I'm going back for Nd5!

22...Nb6 23. f6

Finally, f6!

23...ef6 24. gf6 Bh8

If Bh6, then Nd5 wins something.

25. d4 cd4

Since Black must abandon his e5 post anyway, it is better to retreat immediately. This way, an eventual Qb3 can be met by ...c4.

26. cd4 Ned7 27. Ng4 Rfe8 28. Bd3 h5 29. Nh6 Kf8 30. Bg5 a6 31. Rc1 Qd8

Now I see a brilliant finish!! Just as expected, now for the sacs I've been waiting for!

32. e5
32. Nf7! may be even more brilliant, for example ...Kf7 33. Qb3 Nc4 (d5 34. ed5 gives White more than enough compensation) 34. Rc4! bc4 35. Bc4 forces mate despite White's double sac and his Queen being en prise. The text is less brash but just as effective.

32...de5 33. Qb3 Re6

Forced, since Nc4 allows the fatal Qb4.

34. Qb4 Ke8 35. Bg6

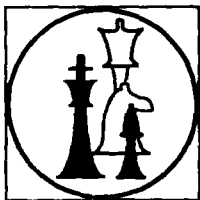
Now if pawn takes bishop, then f7 mate!

35...Nf6 36. Bf7 Kd7 37. Be6 1-0

Black resigns since he loses too much material after Rc6.

A very nice game by Brian, who probably would have won a Brilliancy Prize if he had only played this gem a round earlier.

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3. **Nc3 g6**

White protects the center. Black responds with the unexpected.

4. **Nf3 Bg7**

White continues to bulk up. Now Black develops a mirror image.

5. **Bd3 d6**

Why not continue to load up the center? Black provides a buffer for the knight.

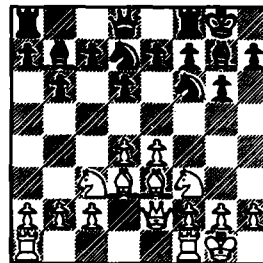
6. **Be3 Nf6**

Black's knight ventures out.

7. **Qe2 Nd7**

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The Critical Zone

by FM Craig Mar

Mar is back from law school, ready to jump back in to his true sport again. At some point when I was a master I was able to utilize and identify a concept, a pattern, which is difficult to precisely define or measure. Evaluating a position based on control over the initiative, the ability to dictate the critical zone, is an invaluable skill. Amateurs often get hung up on evaluating a position based on material, "Let's see, I have a rook which is worth 5 points, you have a bishop worth 3 points, thus I'm 2 pawns ahead."

Masters think differently, often disregarding the point count, but instead looking at the true worth of each piece according to the position. A strong attack occurs usually in a small corner of the board and is effective despite being a pawn down, a piece down, or only the exchange down. The critical zone is where the action takes place, the main "theater of war." To control the zone is to control the initiative. He who has an attack controls the game. An overwhelming preponderance of force in a limited area of the board is often decisive, sometimes simply shifting pieces toward the enemy king is sufficient. The absence of pawns on one wing may signal that a dangerous avalanche is forthcoming, and his control remains, regardless of what's happening elsewhere.

In the following game, Black creates an overwhelming amount of force on the K-side. The difficulty lies in fashioning such a position, winning them or playing them are easy for most players, but how did Kramnik achieve such a position?

White: GM J. Lautier (2640)
Black: GM. V. Kramnik (2685)
English Opening [A21]
Annotated by FM Craig Mar

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Bb4

Black employs the well known tournament strategy of leaving known theory as soon as possible.

3. Nd5 Bc5

On 3...Ba5 4. b4 c6 5. ba5 cd5 favors White.

4. Nf3 e4 5. Ng5!

An alternative is 5. d4 Bf8 6. Ng5 c6 7. Nc3 d5 8. cd5 cd5 9. h4 with an advanced French with colors reversed.

5...e3!

Flashy, but White is still better.

6. d4! ef2 7. Kf2

Despite loss of the castling privilege, White still retains a lead in development.

7...Be7 8. Ne7 Qe7!

Not the natural 8...Ne7 as Black must try to control e4.

9. e4

Do not be fooled into thinking White is better because he has the two bishops. They are a long-term advantage, but the knights create dynamic chances, as in the Chigorin's (1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6). The general rule is that the knight is equal to the bishop in the middlegame, but loses a bit of value when the queens come off the board.

9...d6

Does White have a powerful or overextended pawn center? It can be shredded by c5 or f5. What's required is a hair trigger sense when the pawns cramp and when they're a target: here the truth appears to be in-between, White has a vulnerable center subject to attack.

10. Bd3 Nc6 11. Bc2! Nf6 12. Re1?

A serious inexactitude, losing the initiative, fatal against such a strong opponent. The subtle 12. h3! gives White a promising initiative denying Black a good square for the bishop.

12...Bg4! 13. Qd3 Nd7!

Two smart moves by Kramnik and Black has an excellent game. What follows is a big mess.

14. Ba4

If Black is allowed the knight fork Nb4 the game will be equal.

14...h6 15. e5?!

White decides to mix it up, but as is usually the case when the position demands quiet defense, it will backfire. The quiet 15. Nf3 was better.

15...de5 16. d5 Nd4! 17. Qe4

This is the move White had relied on, but it meets with a forceful reply.

17...Be2!

An "In your face" type move, maintaining his initiative.

18. Nh3

White retreats meekly, but the alternatives weren't any better. If 18. Nf3, then 18...Bf3 19. gf3 b5! 20. cb5 f5! with a punishing initiative. Best may be 18. Bd7 Kd7 although Black's still better.

18...b5! 19. Bb5 Nb5 20. Qe2?!

Better was 20. cb5 Bb5 21. d6! Qf6 22. Kg1 0-0 with opposite-colored bishops and practical chances after 23. Qb4! though Black is still better. The text yields Black a powerful kingside initiative.

20...Nd4 21. Qd1

White hangs on for dear life.

21...Qh4 22. Kf1!

Both 22. Kg1 Nc2! and 22. g3 Qh3 are hopeless.

22...0-0 23. Be3 Nf5 24. Qc2 Ne3 25. Re3 f5!

At last the pawns start marching. Note how the two pawns covering White's king are little cover as the e- and f-pawns bust the K-side wide open.

26. Kg1 Rae8 27. Nf2 e4!

Cramps White's knight and prepares the devastating f4 at the proper time. Also note how White's own 4-to-2 pawn majority doesn't play because he's too busy defending against the attack. The kingside is the *critical zone*.

28. Qc3

28. c5! looks more active in a probably lost position.

28...Nf6 29. g3 Qh5 30. Rf1 Nd7!

The knight is headed for f3.

31. Kg2 Ne5 32. h3 f4!

Black initiates complications in White's time trouble, a good practical strategy.

33. gf4

If 33. Re4 fg3 34. Qg3 Rf3! leads to a decisive attack.

33...Rf4

White now blunders, but on the better 34. Ne4 Re4 35. Re4 Qg6 36. Rg4 Ng4 37. hg4 Qg4 38. Qg3 Qc4, Black should still win.

34. Re4 Qg6 35. Qg3 Rf2! 36. Rf2 Qe4 37. Kh2 Nc4 38. Qc7 Qd5

Time trouble possibly on both sides.

39. Qa7 Qd6 40. Kg2 Ne3 1-0

Time pressure is over and Black has a decisive kingside attack.

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